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SUBJECT: WMPO VERIFICATION OF COMMITTED CORRECTIVE ACTIONS TO
WMPO QA SDRS GENERATED AGAINST NNWSI PROJECT
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Please find enclosed the above-referenced information.

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WASTE MANAGEMENT PROJECT OFFICE (WMPO) VERIFICATION OF COMMITTED CORRECTIVE ACTIONS TO WMPO QUALITY ASSURANCE (QA) STANDARD DEFICIENCY REPORTS (SDRS) GENERATED AGAINST NEVADA NUCLEAR WASTE STORAGE INVESTIGATIONS (NNWSI) PROJECT ORGANIZATIONS

The corrective action system by which the WMPO QA organization identifies programmatic and repetitive conditions adverse to quality is described in WMPO Quality Management Procedure (QMP)-16-03, "Standard Deficiency Reporting System." When a deficiency is identified by WMPO QA on an SDR, the organization responsible for implementation of corrective action responds to the SDR by providing remedial/investigative action, the cause of the condition and corrective action is to prevent recurrence, including dates by which these actions are to be completed. Once accepted by WMPO QA and the committed corrective action date has passed, the response is verified for implementation of committed corrective actions. The verification of SDRs generated since the inception of this corrective action system has indicated some points that might not be clear to NNWSI Project organizations. In an attempt to clarify and to provide a uniform understanding of WMPO QA expectations during verification of SDRs we offer the following guidelines:

1. When a commitment is made in the SDR response to perform an investigation or further assessment, WMPO expects a statement or objective evidence that this investigation/assessment has been completed, including results.
2. When a commitment is made to review and revise a procedure, the procedure revision must have final approval by the date provided in Block 15 or 17 of the SDR. If the organization is unable to have the procedure approved by this date, an extension request must be submitted, with sufficient justification, to WMPO QA prior to the original date provided. Future violation of this policy will result in rejection and escalation of the SDR.

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3. When a procedure is revised to correct a deficiency and reinstruction of personnel is required, this reinstruction must be documented and provided to WMPO QA upon completion. Lack of objective evidence for personnel reinstruction commitment will also result in rejection and escalation of the SDR.

With these guidelines it is hoped the project can develop a uniform approach in the verification and documentation of corrective actions to demonstrate a complete follow-up and closure of deficiencies.

If you have any questions, please contact me at FTS 575-8913 or 295-8913.

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