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AUDIT PLAN - CNWRA AUDIT 92-1

April 24, 1992

1. AUDIT SCOPE

Audit 92-1 is the sole internal audit of the CNWRA Quality Assurance Program scheduled for 1992. It is a full scope audit of all applicable QA program criteria, and includes evaluation of selected technical activities. The tachnical activities are selected based upon the level of work accomplished and the time since the activity was last audited. Audit 91-1 was the first audit which included technical activities, so those activities audited in 1991 will not be included in Audit 92-1. Corrective Action Requests initiated as a result of Audit 91-1 and any initiated subsequently shall be verified for proper close-out.

The requirement for annual program audits is satisfied by the June, 1992 schedule for Audit 92-1. Audit 91-1 was conducted during July, 1992. This audit shall be conducted in accordance with QAP-011. Auditors and Technical Specialists shall be qualified in accordance with the CQAM or SwRI Nuclear Quality Assurance Program.

Audit 92-1 shall be conducted as a performance-based audit. Rather than conducting evaluations focused on the QA programmatic criteria, the focus of the audit will be on the technical activities and evaluating the effectiveness of programmatic controls specifically applicable to those technical activities. As a consequence of the technical evaluations, personnel, procedures, records, software, and aquipment will be identified upon which the programmatic assessments may be made. Technical and programmatic evaluations of an activity will be simultaneous and integrated.

2. APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS and DOCUMENTS

The audit checklist shall be based on the applicable criteria of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B, the Center Quality Assurance Manual (CQAM), CNWRA plans and procedures. Applicable criteria include:

- I Organization
- II Quality Assurance Program
- III Scientific Investigation and Analysis Control (Includes Software Control)
- V Instructions, Procedures, and Drawings
- VI Document Control
- VII Procurement Control
- VIII Identification and Control of Items, Software and Samples
- IX Control of Processes
- XII Control of Measuring and Test Equipment
- XIII Handling, Storage, and Shipping
- XV Nonconformance Control
- XVI Corrective Action
- XVII Records Control
- XVIII Audits

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The CQAM takes exception to Criteria IV, X, XI, and XIV, so these are not included in the scope of the audit. A matrix of QA Criteria and Operating Procedures is attached.

3. Audit Personnel

Audit Team Leader - Tom Trbovich, Certified Lead Auditor, SwRI QA Manager

Auditors - Don Dunavant, Auditor, SwRI QA Staff

Randy Folck, Certified Lead Auditor, SwRI QA

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Technical Specialists - To be selected based on the technical areas to be investigated. As necessary, Technical Specialists shall be trained in audit techniques, QAP-011 and in the general CNWRA QA program. Training and qualifications shall be documented.

4. ACTIVITIES TO BE AUDITED

Geologic Setting Task 2 - Regulatory and Technical Guidance Development 20-3702-121 through 127

Geologic Setting Task 3 - Analysis Codes and Methods 20-3702-131 through 133

Performance Assessment Task 5 - Iterative Performance Assessment 20-3702-065

Engineered Barrier System Task 2 - Regulatory and Technical Guidance Development 20-3702-012

Engineered Barrier System Task 3 - Analysis Codes and Methods 20-3702-231 through 232

Thermohydrology Research Tasks 1, 2, & 3 20-3704-021 through 023

Geochemistry Research Task 2 - Geochemical Modeling of Fluid/Rock Interactions 20-3704-012

Geochemical Analog Research Tasks 1-4 20-3704-061 through 064

Sorption Modeling Research Tasks 1-3 20-3704-071 through 073

Audit Technical Specialists shall evaluate the technical activities to determine the following:

- Technical qualifications of investigators and analysts.
- Understanding of procedural requirements (by the Technical Staff) as Ъ. they pertain to scientific investigations and analysis activities.
- Adequacy of Technical Operating Procedures and Scientific Notebooks. c.
- d. Adequacy of technical work and appropriateness of conclusions.

SCHEDULE (tentative) 5.

Pre-audit conference:

June 2, 1992, 8:30 am.

Audit activities:

June 2, 1992, 9:30 am - 4:00 pm.

June 3-4, 1992, 8:30 - 4:00 pm.

June 5, 1992, as needed.

Post-audit conference: June 5, 1992, 2:00 pm.

The Audit Team may hold daily caucuses to discuss findings and coordinate activities. The Audit Team Leader shall discuss the progress of the audit and potential findings with CNWRA management on a daily basis.

6. AUDIT CHECKLIST

Audit checklists shall be prepared by the Audit Team, as coordinated by the Audit Team Leader. The checklists may be revised as necessary.

AUDIT REPORT 7.

The Audit Report shall be prepared under the direction of the Audit Team Leader in accordance with QAP-011. The report shall be issued within 30 days of completion of the audit.

8. **OBSERVERS**

Observers from the NRC Division of High-Level Waste Management (HLWM) QA Staff are expected for this audit. Observers from the HLWM technical staff may also attend.

Distribution:

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Directors

Principal Investigators

A. Whiting, SWRI QA

MATRIX OF 10 CFR 50 APPENDIX B CRITERIA AND OPERATING PROCEDURES

Criterion	Operating Procedure					
I.						
II.	QAP-005 QUALITY INDOCTRINATION AND TRAINING QAP-013 QUALITY PLANNING QAP-007 PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL QUALIFICATION					
III.	QAP-001 SCIENTIFIC AND LABORATORY NOTEBOOK CONTROL					
	QAP-002 REVIEW OF CNWRA DOCUMENTS, REPORTS, PAPERS AND PRESENTATION MATERIALS					
	QAP-014 DOCUMENTATION AND VERIFICATION OF ROUTINE CALCULATIONS					
	QAP-015 QUALIFICATION OF EXISTING DATA					
	TOP-001 PROGRAM ARCHITECTURE DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE					
	TOF-001-06 PROCEDURE FOR REGULATORY REQUIREMENT CATEGORIZATION AND COMPLIANCE DETERMINATION STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT					
	TOP-003-01 PROCEDURE FOR PREPARATION ELECTROCHEMICAL/CORROSION TEST SPECIMENS					
	TOP-004 PROCEDURE FOR CONTROL, PREPARATION, AND CHARACTERIZATION OF GEOLOGICAL MATERIALS					
	TOP-004-01 PROCEDURE FOR PREPARATION OF THIN SECTIONS OF GEOLOGICAL MATERIALS					
	TOP-004-02 PROCEDURE FOR QUALITATIVE X-RAY POWDER DIFFRACTION ANALYSIS OF GEOLOGICAL MATERIALS					
	TOP-005 PROCEDURE FOR ZEOLITE ION EXCHANGE EXPERIMENTS					
	TOP-006 PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING SEISMIC ROCK MECHANICS TEST SPECIMENS FROM THE FIELD					
•	TOP-007 PROCEDURE FOR ASSEMBLING AND TESTING JOINTED-ROCK TUFF SPECIMENS USING A DYNAMIC SIMULATOR WHICH PRODUCES DYNAMIC SHEAR AND COMPRESSIVE NORMAL LOADS					
•	TOF-008 CONDUCTING AND VERIFYING CYCLIC POLARIZATION TESTS					
	TOP-009 CONDUCTING AND VERIFYING POTENTIODYNAMIC POLARIZATION TESTS					
	TOP-010 PREPARING SIMULATED J-13 WATER AND ITS MODIFICATIONS					

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Criterion	Operating Procedure								
III.	TOF-011 PROCEDURE FOR ASSEMBLING AND INSTALLING HYDRAULIC ANCHOR BOREHOLE EXTENSOMETERS								
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	TOP-016 TECHNICAL OPERATING PROCEDURE FOR FIELD COLLECTION OF GEOLOGIC SAMPLES TOP-017 FIELD COLLECTION OF WASTE SAMPLES TOP-018 CONFIGURATION MANAGE AND CONTROL OF SCIENTIFIC ENGINEERING COMPUTER CODES TOP-019 PREFARATION OF GROUND BOROSILICITE GLASS SPECIMENT								
	TOP-020	CLEARING OF STAINLESS STEEL LOCKING VESSELS							
	TOP-021	PRODUCT CONSISTENCY TEST (PCT) FOR GLASS						
v.									
VI.	QAP-008	DOCUMENT CONTROL							
VII.	QAP-003 STANDARD PROCUREMENT DOCUMENT QUALITY REQUIREMENTS FOR SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATIONS, INTERPRETATIONS AND ANALYSIS SERVICES SUPPLIERS								
	QAP-006 ACCEPTANCE AND IDENTIFICATION OF PROCURED ITEMS, SAMPLES, AND SOFTWARE								
VIII.		PROCEDURE FOR IDENTIFICATION, IPPING, AND ARCHIVING OF SAMP							
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xv.	QAP-009	NONCONFORMANCE CONTROL							
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XVII.	QAP-012	RECORDS CONTROL							

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