

August 15, 1995

Mr. Ronald A. Milner, Director
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U.S. Department of Energy, RW 30
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Washington, D.C. 20585

SUBJECT: OFFICE OF QUALITY ASSURANCE ACTIVITIES

Dear Mr. Milner:

Your letter of July 25, 1995, reported the centralization of some Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM) quality verification activities into the Office of Quality Assurance (OQA). Based on its review of that letter, the NRC staff had two questions. These were discussed by phone with Donald G. Horton on August 14, 1995, and the following facts were presented:

1. In addition to OQA qualifying OCRWM/M&O suppliers and performing the triennial audits, OQA will also perform the "off-year" supplier evaluations.
2. The SAIC and CER personnel who participate as auditors and audit team leaders on OQA audits are not part of the T&MSS organization that is now part of the "M&O Team."

In light of the above, we find that the centralization of these activities into OQA is acceptable.

A written response to this letter is not required. If you have any questions, please call Jack Spraul of my staff on (301) 415-6715.

Sincerely,
Original Signed By
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