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Subject: Deliverable—Summary of Technical Assistance in Evaluating Non-High-Level Waste Determinations for the U.S. Department of Energy Facilities in South Carolina and Idaho, Reactive Tasks 1-5 Activities for April-September of Fiscal Year 2009 (Deliverables 14003.01.001.310, 14003.01.002.310, 14003.01.003.310, 14003.01.004.310, 14003.01.005.310)

Dear Mr. Fuller:

This letter transmits summary information documenting the completion of the subject deliverable. The fiscal year 2009 operations plan was revised to incorporate the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff comments and updates to encompass the work to be accomplished in the second half of fiscal year 2009 for all seven tasks of this project. The task-specific activities conducted from April to September of fiscal year 2009 are summarized below for each of the five reactive tasks funded within this project.

Review Non-High-Level Waste Determinations for Savannah River Site (Task 1)

The updated Savannah River Site F-Tank Farm performance assessment was received at the end of August 2008 and was reviewed and commented on in the first half of fiscal year 2009. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) release of the waste determination documentation has been rescheduled to fiscal year 2010. As a result, Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses (CNWRA®) staff did not receive any additional tasking for Task 1.

Monitor Disposal Actions at Savannah River Site (Task 2)

CNWRA staff received tasking to support the ongoing evaluation of several reports the DOE-Savannah River Site issued under the monitoring task of the Saltstone Facility. These evaluations, coupled with site visits, fulfill the NRC monitoring role for assessing compliance with the performance objectives set out in 10 CFR Part 61, Subpart C.

Review Non-High-Level Waste Determinations for Idaho National Laboratory (Task 3)

DOE has not provided additional waste determinations for the Idaho National Laboratory. This task is currently closed because no new tasking is expected in the immediate future.



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Monitor Disposal Actions at Idaho National Laboratory (Task 4)

CNWRA staff support for monitoring disposal actions at Idaho National Laboratory was not requested during this period. This task is currently closed because no new tasking is expected in the immediate future.

Support Generic Issues and Guidance on Implementing the NRC National Defense Authorization Act Responsibilities (Task 5)

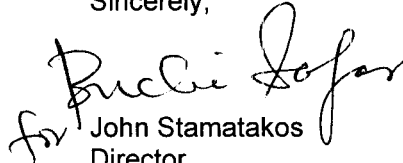
CNWRA staff support to address generic issues and guidance was not requested during this period.

Summary

CNWRA has demonstrated flexibility in responding to the various NRC requests for support under these tasks. As documented in this letter report, CNWRA has provided high quality and efficient technical assistance to NRC during this reporting period. The next reporting period will include work to develop the fiscal year 2010 operations plan.

Additional details on the activities discussed in this letter can be provided at your request. Please contact me at 301.881.0290 (jstamatakos@swri.org) or Mr. Lane Howard, the principal investigator, at 210.522.4881 (lhoward@swri.org) should you have any questions regarding the information discussed in this letter.

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