The Carlsbad Area Office (CAO) conducted an audit of the Hanford Site waste characterization, certification, and transportation activities during January 24-28, 2000. The audit team concluded that, overall, the Hanford Site technical and QA programs were adequate in accordance with the CAO QAPD and WIPP Hazardous Waste Facility Permit. The audit team also concluded that Hanford procedures were being satisfactorily implemented and that the evaluated processes were effective. The CAO audit report is attached.

There were five CAO corrective action reports issued as a result of the audit. They have been forwarded to you under separate cover. Nine Observations and 17 Recommendations were also identified during the audit.

If you have any questions or comments concerning this report, please contact me at (505) 234-7484.

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