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Carlsbad Area Office
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**REPLY TO
ATTN OF:** CAO:OOM:IRT:KJB: 00-0440 UFC 5822
SUBJECT: Suspension of pre-existing data approval
TO: Keith Klein

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The CAO recently approved Waste Stream Profile RLNPDT.001 for Hanford retrievably stored debris waste. Authorization to ship this waste stream for disposal in the WIPP was contingent on approval of the Hanford Final Audit Report No. A-00-05. Approval of the Audit Report by the NMED was received on June 23, 2000. In their approval letter, the NMED stated that "review and approval of pre-existing data is inappropriate to this Audit Report." Therefore, their approval did not include the pre-existing radiography and visual examination data used by Hanford. Furthermore, the NMED has expressed reservations with regard to the manner in which these pre-existing data were qualified.

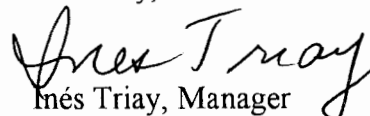
Since there are still issues to be resolved regarding the pre-existing data, and since these data were used to complete Waste Stream Profile RLNPDT.001, the CAO is suspending its approval of Waste Stream RLNPDT.001 until which time that the data qualification issues are adequately resolved. CAO is confident that these issues can be resolved in a timely manner and the approval can be re-instated.

Consistent with this action, CAO has directed the WWIS data administrator to remove all data associated with Waste Stream Profile RLNPDT.001 from the certification module in the WWIS. These data will continue to reside in the Characterization Module and can be approved once this suspension is lifted.

Pending resolution of the pre-existing data issues, Hanford may submit another waste stream profile form for any retrievably stored debris containers that can be certified without the use of pre-existing data. Should Hanford decide to submit a new Waste Stream Profile Form, CAO will give timely attention to its approval.

If you have any questions regarding this action, please contact Mr. Kerry Watson, Assistant Manager, National TRU Program, at (505) 234-7357.

Sincerely,


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