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SUBJECT: Approval of RFETS Evaluation of Pre-Waste Analysis Plan VE Data for Repackaged Salt Residues

TO: Joseph A. Legare, Assistant Manager for Environmental Compliance, RFFO

The Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) has reviewed the evaluation of visual examination (VE) data collected using procedures approved by the CBFO prior to the implementation of the Waste Analysis Plan (WAP). CBFO has determined that the evaluation meets the requirements of Method One as described in Requirements for Evaluating and Documenting Waste Analysis Plan Compliance for Testing Batch Data Collected In Accordance With Waste Characterization Programs Approved By The Carlsbad Field Office Prior to November 26, 1999, DOE/CAO-00-3174, Rev. 2. The evaluation demonstrated that this data fully meets the requirements of the WAP and the use of this data is approved for the characterization of waste to be shipped to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP).

This approval applies only to the data from 2,888 small containers (2,641 drums) of salt residues repackaged from January 6, 1999 through March 27, 2000 by the Salt Residue Repackaging Project in Building 707 (reference letters from G. A. O'Leary to L. Greene dated July 13, 2001, 01-RF-01651 and August 29, 2001, 01-RF-02051). All batch data reports associated with this data will require project level verification and validation under the current WAP requirements prior to shipment to WIPP.

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