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Transmittal of Observer Inquiry Forms A-02-09-001 and A-02-09-002

TO: Farok Sharif, WTS/CCP

The Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) performed Audit A-02-09 of the Westinghouse TRU Solutions (WTS) Central Characterization Project (CCP) at the Savannah River Site the week of October 15-19, 2001. During the course of the audit, an Observer from NMED, Mr. Steve Zappe, expressed a desire for clarification of two potential programmatic issues related to the CCP and SRS interfaces and WAP related responsibilities. Mr. Zappe’s concerns are identified on the attached Observer Inquiry Forms.

Please consider these inquiries and document responses for each of them. Please provide the responses to me to be forwarded to Steve Zappe along with, or prior to, our transmittal of the final B6 Audit Report. The transmittal of your responses will signify closure of the inquiries

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (505) 234-7423.

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Attachments

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*ED Denotes Electronic Distribution
Observer Inquiry Form

Observer: Steve Zappe, NMED  Date: October 18, 2001  Tracking No. A-02-09-001

Discussion of Request:
The current linkage between CCP and SRS [i.e., the CCP SPM and the SRS Site Technical Representative (STR)] appears insufficient to ensure adequate communication between CCP and the existing approved waste characterization Program at the SRS. The problem is apparently compounded by both programs characterizing the same waste stream, for example, does the identification of an additional waste code by one program, dictate the addition of that waste stream code to the same waste stream by the other person? Furthermore, what linkages exist for the exchange and verification/validation of data collected by the separate programs? The current organization chart provides for no direct communication between the SRS STR and the SRS SPM.

ATL Response:
This Observer Inquiry will be forwarded to CBFO for transmittal to the appropriate Central Characterization Project (CCP) Manager for action. The CCP response to this inquiry will be forwarded to Steve Zappe prior to submittal of the B6 audit report for Audit A-02-09 to NMED for acceptance. This Observer inquiry will be considered closed when the CCP response is provided to Steve Zappe.

Observer: Accept Response  Do Not Accept Response ______
(Provide Reason)  10/23/01

The ATL Response was accepted by Steve Zappe per telephone @ 1:37 PM on October 23, 2001.

Inquiry Closed: ________________________________  ______
ATL  Date
Observer Inquiry Form

Observer: Steve Zappe, NMED  Date: October 18, 2001  Tracking No. A-02-09-002

Discussion of Request:
The location of the records collected under the CCP, i.e., Carlsbad, may prove problematic if the State of South Carolina wants access to the data. According to the Statement of Work, Section 3.1.3.3, the CCP is required to submit, “all documentation related to characterization”, to SRS prior to demobilization. It is not clear if this documentation could be provided in a timely manner to the SC regulators.

ATL Response:
This Observer Inquiry will be forwarded to CBFO for transmittal to the appropriate Central Characterization Project (CCP) Manager for action. The CCP response to this inquiry will be forwarded to Steve Zappe prior to submittal of the B6 audit report for Audit A-02-09 to NMED for acceptance. This Observer inquiry will be considered closed when the CCP response is provided to Steve Zappe.

Observer: Accept Response  Do Not Accept Response ______
(Provide Reason)

Inquiry Closed: ___________________________   ________________
ATL          Date