

memorandum

Carlsbad Field Office
Carlsbad, New Mexico 88221

DATE: February 22, 2002
REPLY TO
ATTN OF: CBFO:NTP:RMK:VW:02-0285:UFC:2300
SUBJECT: Overdue Corrective Action Report
TO: Ava Holland, CBFO

This memorandum is in response to your February 11, 2002 memorandum pertaining to the overdue status of Corrective Action Reports (CARs) numbers 01-007 and 01-078 and is requesting an extension of the response due dates.

CAR-01-007 pertains to the ambiguity of determining/confirming isotopic ratios in Appendix A of the currently approved *Waste Acceptance Criteria for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WAC)* (DOE/WIPP-069, Rev.7, Change Notice 2). Any modifications to this section of the WAC requires EPA approval. As such, the modification to Appendix A of the WAC was incorporated with other on-going WAC changes and submitted to the EPA for approval on September 13, 2001. Since that submittal date, the Office of the National TRU Program has been working to resolve comments with the EPA and is presently waiting for EPA approval of the WAC. Upon EPA approval, the Office of the National TRU Program will provide the certified shipping sites approximately 60 days in which to complete implementation of the CH-WAC. As such, I request that the closure date of CAR-01-007 be extended until June 1, 2002. In addition, since a formal Corrective Action Plan (CAP) has not been provided to your office to date, one will be provided to your office by February 26, 2002.

CAR-01-078 pertains to the insufficiency of controls in the container approval process to ensure only acceptable waste is sent to WIPP, due to the shipment of 638 drums to WIPP that were characterized using an uncertified NDA system. This issue is currently being addressed by the Office of the National TRU Program and requires interfacing with all of the certified shipping sites. As such, I request that the closure date of CAR-01-078 be extended until March 30, 2002. In addition, since a formal Corrective Action Plan (CAP) has not been provided to your office to date, one will be provided to your office by February 26, 2002.

If you have any questions or require additional information regarding these CARs, please contact me at ext. 7374.



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