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February 28, 2002

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Mr. Steve Zappe  
 Hazardous Waste Bureau  
 New Mexico Environment Department  
 2905 Rodeo Park Drive East, Bldg. 1  
 Santa Fe, NM 87505

Re: Closure of Observer Inquiry Form A-02-06-001

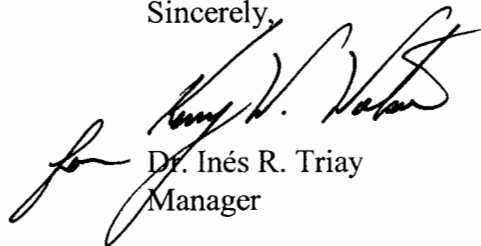
Dear Mr. Zappe:

This letter provides the CBFO closure of the Observer Inquiry form submitted to the Audit Team Leader during the recertification audit of the Savannah River Site (SRS) during December of last year.

The notification of a Class I modification to the Hazardous Waste Facility Permit allowing the use of American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Type I or Type II water was submitted on February 7, 2002.

If you have any further questions concerning this matter, please contact me at (505) 234-7423.

Sincerely,

  
 Dr. Inés R. Triay  
 Manager

Enclosure

cc w/enclosure:

- A. Holland, CBFO \*ED
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## Observer Inquiry Form

Observer: Steve Holmes, NMED Date: December 12, 2001 Tracking No. A-02-06-001

### Discussion of Request:

SRS is currently utilizing ASTM Type I water in the humidification of nitrogen gas involved in the GCMS of Head Space Gas Sampling and Analysis portion of waste characterization. ASTM Type II water is mandated in the permit. ASTM Type I water is far superior for humidification functions than ASTM Type II water. I would suggest a Class I permit modification to resolve this issue and to be worded in such a fashion to include "ASTM Type II, or better, water." Note: Citation is B1-4, third bullet.

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### ATL Response:

I agree with the comments presented by the NMED Observer and will present the information to CBFO upon return to Carlsbad.

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

Inquiry Closed:

Steve T. Rigi  
ATL

2/22/02  
Date