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**RE: NMED APPROVAL OF THE ROCKY FLATS ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY SITE FINAL
AUDIT REPORT, AUDIT A-03-04
WASTE ISOLATION PILOT PLANT
EPA I.D. Number NM4890139088**

Dear Drs. Triay and Warren:

On November 4, 2002, NMED received the Final Audit Report of the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site (**RFETS**) Audit Number A-03-04 (**Audit Report**), from the Department of Energy's Carlsbad Field Office (**CBFO**). CBFO and Washington TRU Solutions LLC (**the Permittees**) were required to submit this Audit Report under the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (**WIPP**) Hazardous Waste Facility Permit as specified in Permit Condition II.C.2.c. The intended scope of this audit was to ensure the adequacy, implementation, and effectiveness of new RFETS waste characterization processes for retrievably stored and repackaged debris and homogeneous solids contact-handled waste (new visual examination facility in Building 440, polychlorinated biphenyl (**PCB**) analysis, and solid sampling of tank sludges) relative to the requirements of the WIPP Permit. The Audit Report consisted of the following items:

- A narrative report
- Completed copies of relevant Permit Attachment B6 checklists
- Final RFETS standard operating procedures (electronic and hardcopy)

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- Objective evidence examined during the audit
 - Solids and soils/gravel sampling
 - Visual examination

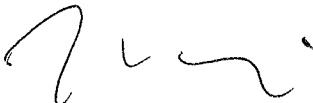
NMED representatives observed the RFETS audit on October 1 – 2, 2002. NMED has examined the Audit Report for evidence of compliance with the requirements of Permit Conditions II.C.2 (Audit and Surveillance Program) and II.C.1 (Waste Analysis Plan [WAP]). The Audit Report indicates there were no WAP-related conditions adverse to quality requiring the issuance of CBFO corrective action reports; no deficiencies requiring only remedial actions; no observations and no recommendations.

NMED notes that the audit team found that the adequacy, implementation, and effectiveness of the PCB analytical activities were indeterminate. The Permittees are not seeking approval at this time for PCB analysis.

NMED concludes that this Audit Report demonstrates, with the exception of PCB analytical activities, that RFETS has adequately implemented the applicable characterization requirements of the WAP. Therefore, NMED approves the Permittees' Final Audit Report for RFETS Audit A-03-04 for retrievably stored and repackaged debris and homogeneous solids contact-handled waste, and amends the previous Audit Report approval for Audit A-02-07 issued by NMED on December 17, 2002 to include visual examination activities in Building 440 and solid sampling of tank sludge.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (505) 428-2512.

Sincerely,



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Attachment

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