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SUBJECT: Evaluation of Corrective Action Report

TO: Lam Xuan, Manager TRU Waste, RFFO

The Carlsbad Field Office has evaluated the planned corrective actions for Corrective Action Report (CAR) 03-043. The results of the evaluation indicate that RFETS has not adequately addressed the issues identified in the CAR. The evaluation results are documented on the attached CAR continuation sheet.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (505) 234-7491.

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Block 17 Evaluation of Proposed Corrective Actions

The following is an evaluation of the response as submitted by the RFETS on March 27, 2003.

Remedial Action: Acceptable as written.

Actions to preclude Recurrence: The actions to preclude recurrence have not been adequately addressed. It is understood that RFETS does not expect this situation will recur. However, January to July is six months and if RFETS NDA personnel are presented with a low mass Pu sample(s) that is not represented by the range of standards available for Weekly Interfering Matrix Checks, it is recommended the following actions be taken:

- Perform and document the Weekly Interfering Matrix Check with whatever available standards are closest to the Sample's Pu range
- Initiate an NCR if appropriate, i.e., if there is a violation of the requirements of DOE-WIPP-02-3122, Appendix A
- Perform an Expert Technical Review of the check as part of the NCR closure process, and document the review

Provided that the Weekly Interfering Matrix Check for the higher range Pu sample is acceptable this approach would be fine from a technical perspective. The NCR would address the Quality Assurance aspect in that it would provide a record that a Weekly Interfering Matrix Check was performed as required by DOE-WIPP-02-3122, Appendix A

Evaluated By: Patrick Kelly, Date: 4/3/03