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ATTN OF: CBFO:QA:DSM:VW:03-2556:UFC:2300

SUBJECT: Audit A-04-04 of the NTS TRU Waste Characterization Activities Utilizing the
Subcontracted Services of the WTS/CCP

TO: Angela P. Colarusso, DOE-NTS



Please be advised that a team of auditors from the Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) will conduct an audit of the Bechtel Nevada, TRU waste characterization program utilizing the services of the Washington TRU Solutions (WTS), Central Characterization Project (CCP) at the Bechtel Nevada, Nevada Test Site (NTS) the week of October 6-10, 2003. The audit will be conducted in the WTS/CCP Offices in Carlsbad, NM accordance with the attached audit plan. Representatives from the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the New Mexico Environmental Department (NMED), and the Environmental Evaluation Group (EEG) may be present or participate in this audit.

Your representatives are requested to coordinate with the audit team to provide team access to the CCP facilities in Carlsbad, as well as, provide the appropriate space to conduct meetings, provide cognizant personnel to support the audit, and provide the audit team with access to the appropriate documentation and records.

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

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Attachment



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CARLSBAD FIELD OFFICE AUDIT PLAN

Audit Number: A-04-04

Organization to be Audited: Nevada Test Site (NTS), Bechtel Nevada, Washington TRU Solutions,
Central Characterization Project (CCP) Services

Organizations to be notified: Bechtel Nevada
Washington TRU Solutions
New Mexico Environment Department (NMED)
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Environmental Evaluation Group (EEG)
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB)

Date and Location: October 6-10, 2003
Carlsbad, New Mexico

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Audit Scope:

This is the annual recertification audit of the NTS/CCP TRU program. The audit team will evaluate the adequacy, implementation, and effectiveness of the NTS/CCP TRU waste characterization program and processes used to characterize retrievably stored debris waste (S5000), in accordance with the requirements contained in the WIPP HWFP.

Governing Documents/Requirements:

The overall program adequacy and effectiveness of CCP/NTS documents will be based on the current revisions of the following documents:

Quality Assurance Program Document (QAPD), DOE-CBFO CAO-94-1012

Hazardous Waste Facility Permit Waste Isolation Pilot Plant EPA No. NM4890139088-TSDF by the New Mexico Environment Department

Contact – Handled Transuranic Waste Acceptance Criteria for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WAC), DOE/WIPP-02-3122

Programmatic and technical Checklists will be developed from the active revisions of the following documents:

CCP Transuranic Waste Quality Assurance Characterization Project Plan (QAPjP), CCP-PO-001

CCP Transuranic Waste Certification Plan, CCP-PO-002

CCP/NTS Interface Document, CCP-PO-009

Contract between the Bechtel Nevada and WTS (Statement of Work)

Related CCP/NTS Quality Assurance and technical implementing procedures

Activities to be Audited:

Quality

- QA Program Interfaces
- Nonconformance/Corrective Action
- Personnel Qualification and Training
- Documents and Records
- Procurement of services
- Sample Control
- Measuring and Test Equipment (M&TE)
- Audits/Assessments
- Software QA


Technical

- Data validation and verification (V&V) (Generation and Project Levels)
- Acceptable Knowledge (AK)
- NDA
- NDE (RTR & VE)
- HSG Sampling and Analysis
Sample design / reconciliation of DQOs
- Waste Analysis Plan (WAP), Section B6

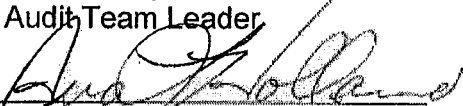
Schedule of Audit Activities:

A pre-audit conference is scheduled for Monday, October 6, 2003 at 8:00 a.m.

A post-audit conference is scheduled for Friday, October 10, 2003 at 1:00 p.m.
All meetings will take place in the WTS/CCP Office facilities at Carlsbad, NM.

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