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**RE: NMED APPROVAL OF THE ROCKY FLATS ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY SITE FINAL
AUDIT REPORT, AUDIT A-03-22
WASTE ISOLATION PILOT PLANT
EPA I.D. NUMBER NM4890139088**

Dear Drs. Triay and Warren:

On August 22, 2003, NMED received the Final Audit Report of the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site (RFETS) Audit Number A-03-22 (**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 initial certification audit was to ensure the adequacy, implementation, and effectiveness of the RFETS waste characterization processes for small container waste sampling and polymerized organic waste sampling for homogeneous solids contact-handled waste 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
- A list of final RFETS standard operating procedures (procedures previously provided electronically)
- Objective evidence examined during the audit
 - General information
 - Solids and soils/gravel sampling

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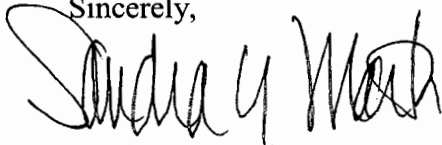


NMED representatives observed the RFETS audit on July 22 – 24, 2003. NMED has examined the Audit Report for evidence of compliance with the requirements of Permit Conditions II.C.2 (Audit and Surveillance Program) and II.C.1 (Waste Analysis Plan [WAP]). The Audit Report indicates there were no WAP-related conditions adverse to quality; no deficiencies requiring remedial actions; no observations; and one recommendation identifying an opportunity for improvement.

NMED concludes that this Audit Report demonstrates that RFETS has adequately implemented the applicable characterization requirements of the WAP. Therefore, NMED approves the Permittees' Final Audit Report for RFETS Audit A-03-22 for homogeneous solids contact-handled waste, and amends the previous Audit Report approval for Audit A-03-03 issued by NMED on September 18, 2003 to include the solids sampling processes evaluated by this certification audit.

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

Sincerely,



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