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Subject: Transmittal of Response to Limitations of Approval of the AMWTP Final Audit Report (Audit A-05-08)

Dear Mr. Zappe:

This letter transmits the Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) response to the limitations in the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) approval of the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project (AMWTP) Final Audit Report, Audit A-05-08, dated April 29, 2005.

Item 1 in your letter conditions the approval of Audit A-05-08 on the results of Surveillance S-05-12 that we plan to perform subsequent to the transition of the management of AMWTP from BNFL to Bechtel. This surveillance is being conducted as a good Quality Assurance Practice and is not intended to re-evaluate or re-certify the items that were approved by the NMED in the final audit report for Audit A-05-08. There have been no changes to the approved equipment that were audited in Audit A-05-08. The approved procedures that were audited in Audit A-05-08 are only changing in organizational title.

In particular, Bechtel, BWXT Idaho (BBWI) has adopted all AMWTP procedures and equipment as contained in the audit report Audit A-05-08 that formed the basis for facilities and operational certification. The only changes that BBWI made to the procedures were the following name changes:

BNFL to AMWTP
BBWI to AMWTP
INEEL to INL

The key personnel in the positions of Site Project Manager (SPM), Waste Certification Officer (WCO), Transportation Certification Officer (TCO) and Site Quality Assurance Officer (SQAQO) remain in the positions they held at the time of Audit A-05-08. The audits, in particular Audit A-05-08, support certification of processes consisting of equipment and procedures listed in detail in the final audit report approved by the NMED. Therefore, the audits serve the purpose of certifying the processes at the generator/storage site(s) not individual contractors.



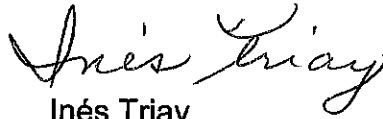
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If you have any questions concerning this response, please contact Ms. Ava L. Holland at (505) 234-7423.

Sincerely,



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