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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: CBFO:QA:MPN:LC:05-0957:UFC:2300
SUBJECT: Surveillance Report S-05-12, AMWTP Contract Transition

TO: Richard B. Provencher, Assistant Manager for Environmental Management

The Department of Energy Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) conducted a surveillance of the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project (AMWTP) contract transition activities on May 10-11, 2005. The surveillance team concluded that the transition has not impacted the AMWTP technical and quality assurance programs related to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) Hazardous Waste Facility Permit, the CBFO Contact-Handled Transuranic Waste Acceptance Criteria for the WIPP, and the CBFO Quality Assurance Program Document. The surveillance team also concluded that the AMWTP transition was being performed in such a manner as to assure that procedures remain satisfactorily implemented and effective.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (505) 234-7483.

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Attachment



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Mr. Richard Provencher

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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
CARLSBAD FIELD OFFICE**

**SURVEILLANCE REPORT
OF THE
ADVANCED MIXED WASTE TREATMENT PROJECT
(AMWTP)**

Idaho Falls and Scoville, Idaho

SURVEILLANCE NUMBER S-05-12

May 10-11, 2005

TRANSURANIC WASTE CHARACTERIZATION PROGRAM



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1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The U. S. Department of Energy Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) performed a surveillance of the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project (AMWTP) on May 10 -11, 2005. Surveillance S-05-12 was conducted to evaluate specific elements of the contract transition that recently occurred. The evaluation examined objective evidence relating to the AMWTP contract transition process. General areas evaluated related to the transition were transuranic site project office personnel, equipment, and procedures. Specific areas evaluated included organization, procedure control, records management, project level review, nonconformance control, and training. AMWTP is still in the process of contract transition. AMWTP has retained the personnel in the site project office. The equipment being utilized for characterization has remained the same. The procedures for characterization, certification, and transportation of transuranic waste have not been changed. The surveillance team determined that the transition has not impacted the personnel, equipment, and procedures that have been previously evaluated.

The surveillance team did not identify any conditions adverse to quality that required the issuance of a corrective action report (CAR). No Observations were identified as a result of this surveillance.

2.0 SCOPE

Surveillance S-05-12 was conducted to evaluate the contract transition and continued implementation of the TRU waste characterization, certification and transportation processes.

3.0 SURVEILLANCE TEAM, INSPECTOR AND OBSERVER

Steven D. Calvert	Surveillance Team Leader, CBFO Technical Assistance Contractor (CTAC)
Wayne Ledford	Auditor, CTAC
Mark Doherty	Technical Specialist

4.0 SURVEILLANCE PARTICIPANTS

A list of personnel contacted during the surveillance is provided as Attachment 1.

5.0 SUMMARY OF SURVEILLANCE RESULTS

5.1 Surveillance Activities

Details of surveillance activities are documented in this report. No conditions adverse to quality requiring the issuance of a CAR were identified. No Observations were identified as a result of this surveillance. General areas evaluated related to the transition were transuranic site project office personnel,

procedure control, records management, project-level review, nonconformance control, and training.

5.1.1 Waste Certification

The surveillance team reviewed selected portions of the AMWTP waste certification process, including the following:

- Waste characterization
- Waste certification
- Transportation
- Organization
- Procedure control
- Records management
- Project-level review
- Nonconformance control
- Training

Documentation was requested to verify the implementation related to the listed activities continue to be performed in accordance with the program requirements. Project personnel were able to present adequate objective evidence to establish that the listed activities are being performed as required.

The contract transition has not impacted the waste characterization, certification and shipment processes. AMWTP has retained the personnel in the site project office. The equipment being utilized for characterization has remained the same. The procedures for characterization, certification and transportation of transuranic waste have not been changed. The evaluation indicates that the processes for characterization, certification, and transportation of transuranic waste by AMWTP continue to be satisfactorily implemented and effective. AMWTP is still in the process of completing the contract transition. The completed contract transition will be evaluated during the annual recertification audit scheduled for August 2005.

6.0 CORRECTIVE ACTIONS AND OBSERVATIONS

The surveillance team identified no deficiencies during the surveillance that required the issuance of a CAR. No Observations were identified as a result of this surveillance.

7.0 ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Personnel Contacted During the Surveillance

PERSONNEL CONTACTED DURING THE SURVEILLANCE

PERSONNEL CONTACTED				
NAME	TITLE/ORG	PRE SURVEILLANCE BRIEFING	CONTACTED DURING SURVEILLANCE	POST SURVEILLANCE BRIEFING
R. Arbon	Scientist/AMWTP		X	
S. Carpenter	Site Project Manager/AMWTP		X	
J. Connelly	Waste Operations Technical Support Manager/AMWTP	X	X	
E. Dumas	QA Manager/AMWTP			
T. Fallon	Deputy QA Manager/AMWTP	X	X	
R. French	ES&H Manager/AMWTP	X		
M. Griffin	WCO/TCO Manager/AMWTP	X	X	
G. Groser	Lead Engineer/AMWTP		X	
C. Hinkle-Daniel	AKE/AMWTP	X	X	
W. Lattin	Program Manager/DOE-ID	X	X	
C. Maggert	Program Engineer/DOE-ID	X	X	X
J. Melton	Operations/AMWTP			
R. Miller	BBWI QA Manager/AMWTP	X	X	
J. Mousseau	Program Manager/AMWTP	X	X	X
D. Pound	TCO/WCO/AMWTP		X	
S. Raish	Production Manager/AMWTP	X		
F. Russo	General Manager/AMWTP		X	X
E. Schweinsberg	Site Project Manager/AMWTP	X	X	
C. Sisson	Nuclear Facility Manager/AMWTP		X	
J. Uptergrove	Characterization Manager/AMWTP	X		