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Dear Mr. Gadbury:

We received your letter dated September 7, 2010, requesting the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) concurrence on the draft re-certification memo the Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) plans to issue to the Central Characterization Project (CCP) at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL). We concur with the draft re-certification memo.

In accordance with EPA regulations at 40 CFR 194.8 (69 FR 42571-42583), on August 21, 2008, EPA approved the CH TRU waste characterization program at ORNL (See EPA Air Docket No. A-98-49, II-A4-103). The addition of the use of Visual Examination was made in accordance with that approval

The EPA limitations applicable to the characterization of CH TRU waste are appropriately included in Attachment 4 of the draft re-certification memo. The waste characterization equipment, procedures and processes mentioned in the ORNL draft re-certification memo are consistent with EPA's existing approvals at the site.

Thank you for providing us with an opportunity to review the draft re-certification memo for ORNL CCP. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 202-343-9422.

Sincerely,

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