Dear Mr. Ziemianski:

We received an email from your office dated January 20, 2011, requesting the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA’s) concurrence on the draft certification memo the Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) plans to issue to the Central Characterization Project (CCP) at the Hanford. We concur with CBFO’s draft certification memo allowing Hanford-CCP to certify contact-handled (CH) Summary Category Group (SCG) debris (S5000) waste for its disposal at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant.

In accordance with EPA regulations at 40 CFR 194.8 (69 FR 42571-42583), on December 21, 2010, EPA approved the CH TRU waste characterization program at Hanford (See EPA Air Docket No. A-98-49, II-A4-138).

The EPA limitations applicable to the characterization of RH TRU waste are appropriately included in Attachment 4 of the draft certification memo. The waste characterization equipment, procedures and processes included in the ANL draft certification memo are consistent with EPA’s existing approvals at the site.

Thank you for providing us with an opportunity to review the draft certification memo for Hanford-CCP. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 202-343-9462.

Sincerely,

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