memorandum

Carlsbad Field Office Carlsbad, New Mexico 88221

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SUBJECT:

Recertification INL AMWTP Audit A-10-24

To: Mr. Mark Searle, Acting Deputy Manager, Idaho Cleanup Project

The Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) has completed the annual recertification audit of the Idaho National Laboratory (INL) Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project's (AMWTP) Transuranic (TRU) waste program. Audit A-10-24 of the AMWTP was conducted on August 23-26, 2010, to evaluate the adequacy, implementation, and effectiveness of the AMWTP and continued compliance of AMWTP TRU waste characterization, and certification activities for Contact-Handled (CH) (S3000) homogeneous solids and (S5000) debris waste.

The audit team determined that the AMWTP TRU program was in compliance with the "Waste Analysis Plan" (WAP) of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (HWFP), the Quality Assurance Program Document (QAPD), and the Transuranic Waste Acceptance Criteria for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP WAC).

Based on the results of the audit and surveillance and conditions and limitations provided by the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the CBFO grants continued authority at the AMWTP for characterization and certification activities for CH homogeneous solids (S3000) and CH debris (S5000) wastes as identified in Table 1. In addition, continuing the authority for sampling processes of S3000 and S4000 (soils/gravel).

Table 1-Approved Waste Characterization Processes				
Characterization Process	\$3000 Homogeneous solids		\$5000 Debris	
100 can	Newly generated	Retrievably- Stored	Newly generated	Retrievably- Stored
Acceptable Knowledge	N/A	Approved	Approved	Approved
Load Management	N/A	Approved	Approved	Approved
Data Validation & Verification (V&V)	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved
Visual Examination (VE)	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved
Solid Sampling Activities 1	Approved	Approved	N/A	N/A
Headspace Gas Sampling & Analysis (both canister & online techniques)	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved
Nondestructive assay (NDA) ²	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved
Real-time Radiography (RTR)	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved
WIPP Waste Information System (WWIS)	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved

Solid Sampling Analysis is performed at the INL TWCP. Coring activities of soil/gravel (\$4000) waste from other generator sites is approved, but is not certified to ship for disposal at WIPP.

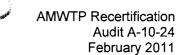
²Nondestructive assay (NDA) of Newly generated S3000 waste is authorized for assaying using **ONLY** IWAS units Z-211-102 and Z-211-103.

TRU waste characterization and certification, using significantly revised or new processes, procedures, or systems must be evaluated by the CBFO prior to their implementation. Included in this memo are the following attachments:

- Attachment 1 describes the AMWTP certification program status,
- Attachment 2 contains the equipment certified at the site,
- Attachment 3 contains the certified CCP procedures, and
- Attachment 4 specific AMWTP waste characterization process elements that must be reported. These process elements are identified as Tier 1 changes and Tier 2 changes. The AMWTP shall not ship for disposal at WIPP any wastes affected by a Tier 1 process element change without prior CBFO approval, and AMWTP shall report Tier 2 changes to CBFO on a quarterly basis. AMWTP procedures shall be revised as necessary to incorporate this reporting and approval process.

Edward Ziemianski Acting Manager

Attachment(s)



AMWTP CERTIFICATION PROGRAM STATUS

The CBFO Director of the Office of the National TRU Program and the CBFO Quality Assurance Manager has evaluated the documentation supporting the compliance of the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project (AMWTP) TRU waste program. Attachments 2 and 3 provide complete lists of certified processes, procedures, documents, and systems deployed at the AMWTP. Attachment 4 is the CH Tiering of TRU Waste Characterization Processes implemented by the AMWTP.

PROGRAM STATUS

- All program elements remain complete.
- The following site documents are current and demonstrate how the CCP complies with the CBFO requirements.
 - MP-TRUW-8.1 Certification Plan for INL Transuranic Waste, (Approved June 24, 2010 CBFO:NTP:NC:GS:10-1415:UFC 5822.00)
 - MP-TRUW-8.2 Quality Assurance Project Plan, (Approved May 27, 2010 -CBFO:NTP:DCG:GS:10-0856:UFC5400.00).
- Certified Systems see Attachment 2 for the complete list of certified systems used by the AMWTP.
- Standard operating procedures see Attachment 3 for the complete list of certified CCP procedures used at the AMWTP.
- Tiering of TRU Waste Characterization Processes implemented by AMWTP (based on EPA Baseline Inspections) - see Attachment 4.
- AMWTP participated in the following performance demonstration programs (PDPs):
 - HSG PDP Cycle 24A Memo CBFO:NTP:MRB:GS:10-0828:UFC 5822.00 dated May 10, 2009 approving analysis of VOCs in headspace gas samples using the GC/MS analytical method on the analytical system identified as Z-221-001-A.
 - NDA PDP Cycle 17A Memo CBFO:NTP:MRB:GS:10-1432:UFC 5822.00 dated June 30, 2010 approving analysis of TRU waste drums using the DAS-100 (AM03/AMN3) and DAS-101 (AM04/AMN4) with a limitation that these two systems cannot be used to characterize sludge-type waste. DAS-102 (AM01/AMN1) and DAS-103 (AM02/AMN2) are approved without NDA PDP performance imposed restrictions.

- CBFO conducted a recertification Audit A-10-24 of the AMWTP on August 23-26, 2010
 - o No CARs were issued.
 - o Interim Audit Report was issued on September 21, 2010.
 - o Final Audit Report was issued to NMED on December 14, 2010.
 - o NMED issued approval of the Final Audit Report on January 25, 2011.
- EPA concurred with the CBFO draft recertification on February 28, 2011.

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RECOMMENDATION

The recommendation to the CBFO Manager is to continue the AMWTP authority for characterization and certification of contact-handled (CH) homogeneous solids (S3000) and CH debris (S5000) wastes at AMWTP as identified in the Table 1 of the memorandum. Attachments 2 and 3 list the systems and procedures that constitute the bounds of this authority. Attachment 4 is the CH Tiering of TRU Waste Characterization Processes implemented by AMWTP.

CONCURRENCE

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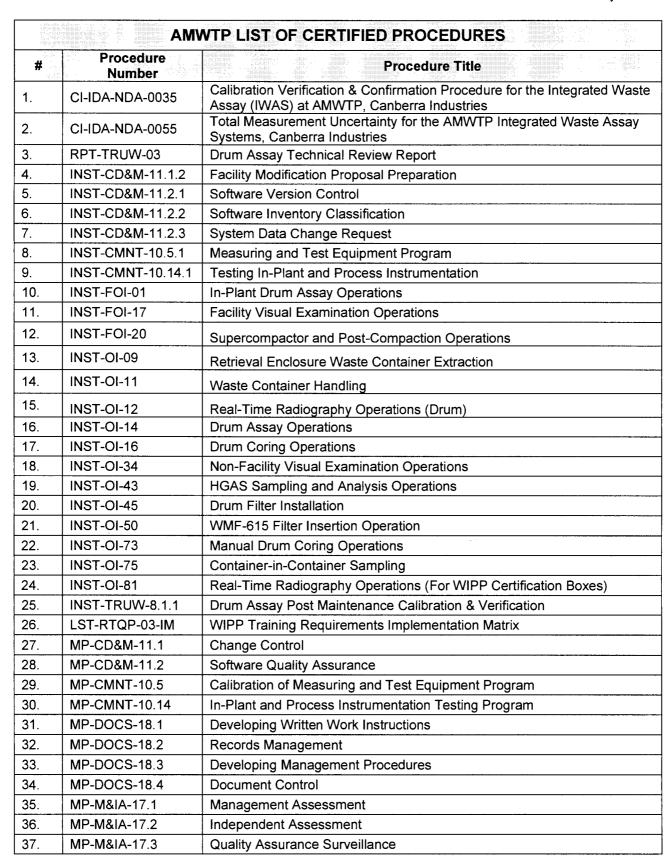
WIPP #	Site Equipment #	Equipment Description	Components	Software	NDA Calibrated Range, Operating Range and TMU
HEADS	SPACE GAS				
9HG4	Z-221-001-A	Consonant Technology Inc. (CTI) –Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry (GC/MS) System	Agilent 5973N Network Mass Selective Detector – Unit 001	HGAS Software, Version 1.23	N/A
		PDP ID # CTI-HGAS-A-001 Method described in procedure INST-OI-43			
NOND	ESTRUCTIVE A	SSAY			
9DA1	Z-211-102	Canberra Integrated Waste Assay System (IWAS) for assay and isotopics on 55-gallon and 83/85-gallon drums DAS –102 - PDP Registration # AM01/AMN1 Method described in procedure INST-OI-14	➤ Broad Energy Germanium (BEGe) gamma detectors ➤ 122 helium-3 tubes used in passive neutron coincidence counting modality and the active neutron differential die- away modality ➤ Cf-252/Cs-137 Add-A- Source (AAS) correction source ➤ 14 MeV neutron generator ➤ Fast Neutron Detector Packs (FNDP)	NDA 2000 Canberra's Genie 2000 Multi-Group Analysis (MGA) Multi-Group Analysis-Uranium (MGA-U)	The calibration of IWAS system was verified and documented in the site acceptance reports CI-IDA-NDA-0051 through CI-IDA-NDA-0054 The determination of TMU for the IWAS unit is documented in CI-IDA-NDA-0055, Total Measurement Uncertainty for the AMWTP Integrated Waste Assay Systems, Revision 1, July 30, 2003.
9DA2	Z-211-103	Canberra Integrated Waste Assay System (IWAS) for assay and isotopics on 55-gallon and 83/85-gallon drums DAS-103 - PDP Registration # AM02/AMN2 Method described in procedure INST-OI-14	 ▶ Broad Energy Germanium (BEGe) gamma detectors ▶ 122 helium-3 tubes used in passive neutron coincidence counting modality and the active neutron differential die- away modality ▶ Cf-252/Cs-137 Add-A- 	NDA 2000 Canberra's Genie 2000 Multi-Group Analysis (MGA) Multi-Group	The calibration of IWAS system was verified and documented in the site acceptance reports CI-IDA-NDA-0051 through CI IDA-NDA-0054 The determination of TMU for the IWAS unit is documented in CI-IDA-NDA-0055, "Total

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			Source (AAS) correction source > 14 MeV neutron generator > Fast Neutron Detector Packs (FNDP)	Analysis- Uranium (MGA-U)	Measurement Uncertainty for the AMWTP Integrated Waste Assay Systems", Revision 1, July 30, 2003.
9DA3	Z-390-100	Canberra Integrated Waste Assay System (IWAS) - DAS3 – 55 gallon drums	➤ Broad Energy Germanium (BEGe) gamma detectors ➤ 122 helium-3 tubes used in	NDA 2000 Canberra's Genie	The calibration of IWAS system was verified and documented in the site
		DAS-100 – PDP Registration # AM03/AMN3	passive neutron coincidence counting	2000	acceptance reports CI-IDA-NDA-0051 through CI-
		Method described in INST-FOI-01	modality and the active neutron differential die-	Multi-Group Analysis (MGA)	IDA-NDA-0054
			away modality ➤ Cf-252/Cs-137 Add-A- Source (AAS) correction	Multi-Group Analysis- Uranium	The determination of TMU for the IWAS unit is documented in CI-IDA-NDA-0055, Total
			source	(MGA-U)	Measurement Uncertainty for
			➤ 14 MeV neutron generator➤ Fast Neutron Detector Packs (FNDP)		the AMWTP Integrated Waste Assay Systems, Revision 1, July 30, 2003.

WIPP #	Site Equipment #	Equipment Description	Components	Software	NDA Calibrated Range, Operating Range and TMU
9DA4	Z-390-101	Canberra Integrated Waste Assay System (IWAS) - DAS4 – 55 gallon drums DAS-101 – PDP Registration # AM04/AMN4 (Approved Method described in INST-FOI-01	➤ Broad Energy Germanium (BEGe) gamma detectors ➤ 122 helium-3 tubes used in passive neutron coincidence counting modality and the active neutron differential die- away modality ➤ Cf-252/Cs-137 Add-A- Source (AAS) correction source ➤ 14 MeV neutron generator ➤ Fast Neutron Detector Packs (FNDP)	NDA 2000 Canberra's Genie 2000 Multi-Group Analysis (MGA) Multi-Group Analysis- Uranium (MGA-U)	The calibration of IWAS system was verified and documented in the site acceptance reports CI-IDA-NDA-0051 through CI IDA-NDA-0054 The determination of TMU for the IWAS unit is documented in CI-IDA-NDA-0055, Total Measurement Uncertainty for the AMWTP Integrated Waste Assay Systems, Revision 1, July 30, 2003.
NON-E	ESTRUCTIVE E	EXAMINATION			
9RR1	Z-213-101	Real Time Radiography System – 55 gallon drums, 83 gallon drums and SWBs Method described in INST-OI-12 and INST-OI-81	RTR System	Waste Tracking System (WTS)	N/A
9RR2		Real Time Radiography System – 55 gallon drums, 83 gallon drums and SWBs Method described in procedure INST-OI-12 and INST-OI-81	RTR System	Waste Tracking System (WTS)	N/A
SOLID					
9DC1	Z-250-802	Drum Coring and Sample Collection Glove Box Method – BN-MDC Method described in procedure INST-OI-16, INST-OI-73, and INST-OI-75	Drum Coring and Sample Collection Glove Box	Waste Tracking System (WTS)	N/A

	INL AMWTP LIST OF CERTIFIED EQUIPMENT AND PROCESSES				
WIPP #	Site Equipment #	Equipment Description	Components	Software	NDA Calibrated Range, Operating Range and TMU
VISUAL EXAMINATION					
9VE2	N/A	Visual Examination (in lieu of RTR) (VEC) Method described in INST-OI-34	N/A	Waste Tracking System (WTS)	N/A
9VE3	N/A	Newly Generated Waste Visual Examination Closure (VNC)	N/A	Waste Tracking System (WTS)	N/A
		Method described in INST-OI-34			
9VE5	N/A	Visual Examination (in lieu of RTR) (VEC) Method described in INST-FOI-17	N/A	Waste Tracking System (WTS)	N/A
9VE6	N/A	Newly Generated Waste Visual Examination Closure (VNC) Method described in INST-FOI-17	N/A	Waste Tracking System (WTS)	N/A
9VE7	N/A	Box Line Visual Examination (VEB) – Box to drum repackaging Method described in INST-FOI-17	N/A	Waste Tracking System (WTS)	N/A
9VE8	N/A	Box Line Visual Examination (VEB) – Drum to new drum repackaging	N/A	Waste Tracking System (WTS)	N/A
		Method described in INST-FOI-17			1
9VE10	N/A	Box Line Visual Examination (VEB) – Drum to new drum repackaging	N/A	Waste Tracking System (WTS)	N/A
		Method described in INST-OI-34			

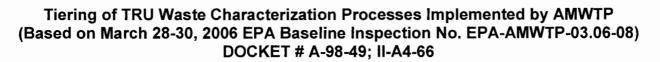
		INL AMWTP DEACTIVATED EQUIPMENT LIST	
WIPP #	Site Equipment #	Equipment Description	Date Deactivated
HEADS	SPACE GAS		
9HG1	Z-220-001A	Nuclear Filter Technology Drum Vent System – Mass Spectrometer, Unit A	8/6/06
9HG2	Z-220-001B	Nuclear Filter Technology Drum Vent System – Mass Spectrometer, Unit B	8/6/06
9HG3	Z-220-001C	Nuclear Filter Technology Drum Vent System – Mass Spectrometer, Unit C	8/6/06
9HG7	Z-221-001D	Consonant Technology Inc. (CTI) –Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry (GC/MS) System	Currently being used for spare parts
9HG6	Z-221-001C	Consonant Technology Inc. (CTI) -Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry (GC/MS) System	4/14/08
9HG5	Z-221-001B	Consonant Technology Inc. (CTI) -Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry (GC/MS) System	4/14/08



	AMWTP LIST OF CERTIFIED PROCEDURES			
#	Procedure Number	Procedure Title		
38.	MP-PCMT-15.1	Acquisition of Material and Services		
39.	MP-PCMT-15.21	Material Management		
40.	MP-Q&SI-5.1	Investigation and Root Cause Analysis		
41.	MP-Q&SI-5.3	Corrective Action		
42.	MP-Q&SI-5.4	Identification of Nonconforming Conditions		
43.	MP-Q&SI-5.6	Graded Approach		
44.	MP-Q&SI-5.8	Qualifying Supply Chain Inspectors, Auditors, Lead Auditors and Technical Specialists		
45.	MP-RTQP-14.4	Personnel Qualification and Certification		
46.	MP-RTQP-14.6	Job Analysis		
47.	MP-RTQP-14.16	Training Program Evaluation		
48.	MP-RTQP-14.19	Training Records Administration		
49.	MP-RTQP-14.20	Training Implementation Matrix		
50.	MP-TRUW-8.1	Certification Plan for INL Transuranic Waste		
51.	MP-TRUW-8.2	Quality Assurance Project Plan		
52.	MP-TRUW-8.5	TRU Waste Certification		
53.	MP-TRUW-8.8	Level I Data Validation		
54.	MP-TRUW-8.9	Level II Data Validation		
55.	MP-TRUW-8.11	Data Reconciliation		
56.	MP-TRUW-8.12	Waste Receipt and Shipping Inspection		
57.	MP-TRUW-8.13	Collection, Review, and Management of Acceptable Knowledge Documentation		
58.	MP-TRUW-8.14	Preparation of Waste Stream Profile Forms		
59.	MP-TRUW-8.17	Co-located Core Sampling Control Charts		
60.	MP-TRUW-8.25	Random Selection of Containers for Headspace Gas and Solids Sampling Analysis		
61.	MP-TRUW-8.26	Reports to Management		
62.	MP-TRUW-8.34	WIPP Sample Transfer		



#	# Procedure Procedure Title Deactivation						
	Number		Date				
1.	MP-TRUW-8.6	Contact-Handled Transuranic Waste Authorized Methods for Payload Control (CH TRAMPAC) for HalfPACT (Incorporated into MP-TRUW-8.3)	12/04				
2.	INST-OI-44	Sampling Port Installation	1/26/06				
3.	INST-OI-48	Electronic TRUPACT-II Operations	2/2/06				
4.	INST-CD&M-11.1.1	Facility Modification Screening	6/5/06				
5.	MP-PCMT-15.4	Evaluation of Proposals (Superceded by MP-PCMT-15.21)	6/30/06				
6.	MP-CMNT-10.3	Supply Chain Management (Superceded by MP-PCMT-15.21)	7/12/06				
7.	MP-PCMT-15.6	Acceptance of Items and Services (Superceded by MP-PCMT-15.21)	7/12/06				
8.	MP-Q&SI-5.7	Quality Inspections	7/12/06				
9.	INST-OI-18	Gas Generation Testing Operations	8/15/06				
10.	MP-TRUW-04-IM	TRU Waste Program Procedures Matrix for DOE-CBFO QAP	11/2/06				
11.	INST-OI-49	Electronic Payload Assembly	12/11/06				
12.	INST-TRUW-8.2.1	HSG Calibration	12/11/06				
13.	MP-TRUW-8.19	RTR/VE Drum Selection	1/23/07				
14.	MP-TRUW-8.16	WWIS Data Transfer (Incorporated into MP-TRUW-8.5)	7/3/07				
15.	INST-OI-13	Drum Vent/Headspace Gas Sample Operations	8/07				
16.	INST-OI-20	TRUPACT-II Operations	4/08				
17.	INST-OI-21	Payload Assembly	4/08				
18.	INST-OI-52	Re-Lidding and Over-pack Reconfiguration Operations	3/08				
19.	MP-TRUW-8.3	Contact-Handled Transuranic Waste Authorized Methods for Payload Control (CH-TRAMPAC)	3/08				
20.	MP-TRUW-8.4	Quality Assurance Project Plan for Gas Generation Testing Program	3/08				
21.	MP-CMNT-10.10	TRUPACT-II Maintenance Program	4/08				
22.	MP-TRUW-8.27	CH-TRUCON Management	3/08				
23.	MP-TRUW-8.37	Long-Term Objective for Unified Flammable Gas Determination	3/08				
24.	MP-PCMT-15.7	Vendor Qualification and Performance Evaluation	12/18/08				



WC Process Elements	AMWTP WC Process Specific T1 Changes	AMWTP WC Process Specific T2 Changes	AMWTP General T2 Changes
AK including Load Management	Any new waste category group. Load management of any unapproved waste stream	Waste Stream Profile Forms including updates or additions to waste stream(s) within an approved waste category.	Changes to site procedures requiring CBFO approvals and other changes.
	Changes to WWIS algorithms specific to load management.	Changes in load management status of approved waste stream(s).	
NDA	New equipment or physical modifications to approved equipment	Changes to software for approved equipment.	Changes to site procedures requiring CBFO approvals and other changes.
	Changes to approved calibration range for approved equipment.	Changes to operating range upon CBFO approval.	
RTR	N/A	New equipment or changes to approved equipment.	Changes to site procedures requiring CBFO approvals and other changes.
VE and VET	Changes in vendor performing VE and/or VET	Addition of new waste category.	Changes to site procedures requiring CBFO approvals and other changes.
		Addition of new procedure or site equipment identifier	
WWIS	N/A	N/A	Changes to site procedures requiring CBFO approvals and other changes.