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Finally, during the Savannah River Site (SRS)/CCP Audit A-13-02 on November 6-8, 2012, the auditors documented concern #9 which reads, "While observing the video for RTR scan of container #MDL0500775 (Large Box) in BDR# SRLBR0057, the audit team observed the operator using the VJ Technology software feature of "Window Leveling", which enhances the screen contrast. At 3:19 (minutes/seconds) into the video, the operator was observed using the cursor and pointing to an area of the box and is heard verbally stating "You can see the bottom of a plastic container". This practice could potentially influence the results of the independent observation (OI) if the container was selected for IO from the batch."

NMED takes RTR independence very serious, as documented in two previous observer inquiries from January and May of 2009. These previous concerns were dealt with satisfactorily. NMED looks forward to discussing these new concerns with the Permittees.

ATL Response: Inquiry will be forwarded to the appropriate CBFO manager/office Director for resolution.

Observer: Accept Response Richard [Signature] 11/30/12 Do Not Accept Response

Inquiry Closed: _____ Date: _____

* NMED accepts this response with the understanding that this inquiry will only be closed in regards to the responsibilities of CTAC per procedure CBFO mp 10.3 Rev. 7.

Per ATL Response, NMED acknowledges that this Inquiry will be forwarded to the appropriate CBFO manager/office Director for resolution and that DOE shall be responsible for submitting a written response to NMED within 30 days of the inquiry submission, as required in section C6-4 of the WIPP Permit.