Mr. Jon E. Hoff, Manager  
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Carlsbad, New Mexico 88221-2078  

Subject: Issuance of CARs 14-044, 14-046, and 14-047 Identified During Audit A-14-18.  
INL/CCP Characterization and Certification Activities for CH and RH TRU Waste  

Dear Mr. Hoff:  

The Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) performed Recertification Audit A-14-18, Idaho National Laboratory (INL) Central Characterization Program (CCP) Characterization and Certification Activities for Contact-Handled (CH) and Remote-Handled (RH) Transuranic (TRU) Waste on June 3-5, 2014. Enclosed are Corrective Action Reports (CARs) 14-044, 14-046, and 14-047 addressing the conditions adverse to quality identified during the audit.  

Please provide documented responses for the CARs, ensuring that the required actions indicated in Block 12 are addressed, including schedules for completion. Please return your responses to me on or before the due date identified in Block 14a for each of these CARs.  

If you have any questions concerning CARs 14-044, 14-046, or 14-047, please contact me at (575) 234-7491.  

Sincerely,  

Dennis S. Miehls  
Senior Quality Assurance Specialist  

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# CORRECTIVE ACTION REPORT

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<td>CCP-TP-019, CCP Waste Assay Gamma Spectrometer (WAGS) Operating Procedure, Rev. 6, section 2.2.1:</td>
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<td>&quot;Personnel must have read CCP-HSP-013, CCP Waste Assay Gamma Spectrometer (WAGS) and SWEPP Gamma-Ray Spectrometer (SGRS) Nondestructive Assay Systems Health and Safety Plan.&quot;</td>
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CORRECTIVE ACTION REPORT

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5. CBFO Assessment Team Leader: Dennis S. Miehls

6. Responsible organization: Central Characterization Program

7a. CAQ/CAR Owner (Office Director): N/A  
7b. CAQ was discussed with: Tyson Christenson, Rich Kantrowitz, Irene Joo, Ed Gulbransen

8. Requirement that is involved: Section 4.2 (NOTE) of CCP-QP-010, CCP Document Preparation, Approval, and Control, Revision 24, states, "Approved documents must be used to ensure that tasks are performed in a consistent manner that results in achieving the quality required. At the beginning of each shift, CCP personnel will confirm the current revision of the document is being used. This revision of the document will be used throughout the shift unless a STOP WORK order is issued."

9. Condition Adverse to Quality (CAQ): CCP-AK-INL-580, Revision 4, was issued on March 14, 2014, and is the current revision. During the RTR characterization scan of container FCO104A-2, the obsolete revision (Rev. 3) was observed in use during the scan. Note: A similar condition was identified during ORNL/CCP Audit A-14-03 as documented in CBFO CAR 14-009. This CAR is classified as "Significant" based on the following criteria: "Repeated attempts to resolve a CAQ have been unsuccessful".

10. Suggested actions (Optional):

11. Significant CAQ? (If 'Yes', go to block 15b) Yes [x]  No [ ]

12. Type of actions required:
   Remedial? Yes [x]  No [ ]
   Investigative? Yes [x]  No [ ]
   Root Cause Determination? Yes [x]  No [ ]
   Actions to Preclude Recurrence? Yes [x]  No [ ]

13a. Trend Code: RTR-05

13b. CAR Initiator: [printed name] Port Martinez  
Date: 6/25/14

14a. Response due date: 7-19-14

14b. Required corrective action completion date: NM

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      (if applicable): [printed name] Dennis S. Miehls  
      Date: 6-25-14
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Block # 8 - Requirement That Is Involved

CCP-TP-005, CCP Acceptable Knowledge Documentation, Revision 26, section 4.4.16, "Review the AK information to determine if the waste is listed under 20 NMAC 4.1.200 (incorporating 40 CFR 261.30), Subpart D. If so, assign the appropriate HWNs." Section 4.4.17, "Review the AK information to determine if a toxicity characteristic 20 NMAC 4.1.200 (incorporating 40 CFR 261.20), Subpart C contaminant is identified and has NOT been assigned a listed HWN from step 4.4.16. Evaluate the available data and assign the toxicity characteristic HWN consistent with RCRA requirements. Section 4.4.20, "Include the justification and basis for steps 4.4.16 and 4.4.17 in the TRU waste stream-specific description of AK Summary Report, AND complete the Attachment 5."

Block # 9 - Condition Adverse to Quality (CAQ)

The toxicity characteristic (TC) metals arsenic, chromium, cadmium and lead were detected through spectral analysis of blanket bricks associated with the waste stream. Detections of these TC metals are documented in AK Source Document P838, Casting of Blanket Bricks, Ring, Plug, and Control Rods for the Experimental Breeder Reactor. The justification and basis for assigning or not assigning the TC HWNs associated with these metals are not identified in the waste-stream-specific description of CCP-AK-INL-600, Central Characterization Program Acceptable Knowledge Summary Report For Remote-Handled Transuranic Debris From Experimental Breeder Reactor at the Idaho National Laboratory, Waste Stream ID-EBR-S5000, Revision 1. Neither the presence of the TC metals or results of TC HWN assignment are documented in Attachment 5 of the AK Summary Report.
INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROVIDING CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

WASTE ISOLATION PILOT PLANT
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Carlsbad Field Office

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING A CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN IN RESPONSE TO A CAR ADDRESSING A CONDITION ADVERSE TO QUALITY

You are requested to provide a corrective action plan in response to this corrective action report (CAR) by the due date identified in block 14a of the CAR. If this date cannot be met, provide a written request for extension to the assessment team leader (CAR block 5). This request must include justification for the delay and must be provided prior to the response due date (CAR block 14a).

The corrective action plan shall address the corrective actions indicated in CAR block 12. As appropriate, develop the plan in accordance with the following sequence and format:

In order to develop the corrective action plan, perform an investigative action to determine the extent and impact of the deficiency and to identify the root cause. Next, determine the actions required to correct the adverse condition. The plan shall include the following information, as appropriate to CAR block 12.

1. Corrective action response for CAR # 14-044, 14-046; and 14-047
   A. Remedial Actions - Describe actions required or taken to correct the specific conditions noted and any similar conditions identified during the investigations.
   B. Investigative Actions - Describe the investigative actions performed to determine the extent and impact of the deficiency and the results of the investigation. This will include a determination of the acceptability of any data generated prior to resolution of the deficiency.
   C. Root Cause Determination - Identify the root cause of the condition as determined through investigative actions.
   D. Actions to Preclude Recurrence - Identify the corrective actions required to address the root cause of the condition in order to preclude recurrence.

2. For each action above, identify the individual assigned responsibility for completion of the action and the anticipated (or actual, if complete) completion date.

3. The response must identify the individual having the overall responsibility for completion of the corrective actions.

NOTE: The documentation to support corrective action completion is not to be submitted with the corrective action plan and shall not be submitted until the corrective action plan is approved.