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REPLY TO:
ATTN OF: CBFO:NTP:JRS:GL:14-1985:UFC 5900.00
SUBJECT: CBFO TSTD Response to Evaluation of Impact for Accelerated CAR 14-043
TO: Michael R. Brown, Director, CBFO Quality Assurance Division

The Office of the Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) Transuranic (TRU) Sites and Transportation Division has reviewed Corrective Action Report (CAR) 14-043. Based on the finding that this CAR should receive Accelerated Corrective Action, the NTP has evaluated the impact of this CAR in accordance with CBFO MP 3.1, Section 5.9. Specifically, the NTP evaluation of CARs requiring accelerated corrective action ensures that the NTP evaluate waste received by the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) and waste awaiting shipment to WIPP, including a determination of whether waste shipments from the Transuranic (TRU) waste site should be suspended.

As noted in CAR 14-043, the finding was determined to be a Significant Condition Adverse to Quality (block 11a), and a Work Suspension was recommended (block 11b).

NTP agrees that this finding represents a condition requiring accelerated corrective action, and pending the resolution of the corrective actions of CCP, provides the following evaluation of impact in accordance with CBFO MP 3.1, section 5.9:

- NTP and QA recommended to the CBFO Manager, due to the incident in the WIPP underground involving a drum from the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) Summary Category Group S3000, a suspension of the CBFO Certification of LANL Summary Category Group S3000 waste. The CBFO Manager has acted on that recommendation. Currently there are no shipments from any site due to this incident. However, should shipping resume, waste from the LANL Summary Category Group S3000 should not resume until authorized by the CBFO Manager.
- The full extent of the issue with LANL waste streams of Summary Category Group S3000 is currently the subject of multiple investigations and examinations. While the full extent is still being determined, the extent is known to be greater than the one drum identified currently in the CAR referenced above. NWP and LANL are still determining the extent. Once the full extent is defined, QA will be advised. It is known that there is a population of drums from this Summary Category Group emplaced in the WIPP underground. This waste is the subject of direction by the New Mexico Environment Department and will be handled in accordance with the requirements of the state.

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- Containers of LANL waste from the Summary Category Group awaiting shipment to WIPP will require further study to determine the necessity for additional treatment or characterization before shipment to WIPP.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. J.R. Stroble, Director CBFO TRU Sites and Transportation Division, at (575) 234-7313.

Sincerely,



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