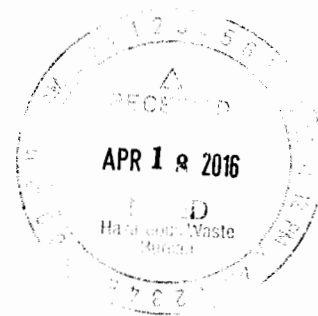




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Dear Mr. Stroble:

We received your letter dated April 18, 2016, requesting the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) concurrence on the draft expansion memo and attachments which the Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) plans to issue to the U.S. Department of Energy's Idaho Office. The Idaho Treatment Group is responsible for characterizing contact-handled (CH) transuranic (TRU) waste at the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project (AMWTP) in Idaho. We concur with the draft expansion memo to add the Retrieval Box Assay System (RBAS) (EPA approval Oct 19, 2015) and the disposal of high minimum detectable activity (MDA) waste (EPA approval May 13, 2015) to the AMWTP's TRU waste characterization program. In accordance with EPA regulations at 40 CFR 194.8 (69 FR 42571-42583), on October 3, 2006, EPA approved AMWTP's CH TRU waste characterization program (See EPA Air Docket No. A-98-49, II-A-4-66). This expansion to the certification is consistent with our approvals.

Thank you for providing us with an opportunity to review the draft expansion memo for AMWTP. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 202-343-9462 or Ed Feltcorn at 202-343-9422.

Sincerely,

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