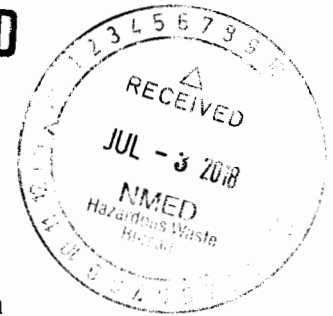




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Subject: The CBFO Formal Suspension of the Certification Authority for the Hanford Central Characterization Program Transuranic Waste Characterization Activities

Dear Mr. Farabee and Mr. DeRosa:

On April 12, 2018, the Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) notified the State of New Mexico, Hazardous Waste Bureau (HWB), of the need for an extension of time to perform the Annual Recertification Audit for the Hanford Central Characterization Program (CCP). In addition, CBFO proposed to suspend the Hanford CCP certification authority for waste characterization and certification activities. On April 18, 2018, the HWB approved the request for extension and further requested that "the Permittees submit the formal Department of Energy (DOE) suspension of the Hanford/CCP certification, once issued, for our records." This letter serves as the formal suspension of the Hanford/CCP certification authority and it will be provided to the HWB for their records.

The Hanford Program is unable to perform waste characterization activities. Work at the Hanford site, which is the host site location for CCP waste characterization activities, was last performed in August of 2011.

Once waste characterization activities resume at the Hanford host site location, the CBFO will conduct a full site specific audit as a basis for reinstating authority to perform waste characterization activities and reestablishment of waste shipments from the Hanford site to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP). The audit will evaluate Hanford/CCP program updates put in place to account for reactivation of the waste characterization program and written to comply with the WIPP Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (HWFP), NM 489013088-TSDF requirements that have changed since the suspension of the Hanford/CCP program. This will focus CBFO assessment efforts on active programs and allow for evaluation of the Hanford/CCP program once updates are finalized and determined ready for implementation.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to give me a call at 575-234-7053.

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