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Subject: Completion of Intermediate Milestone 01402.771.120 "Conforming 10 CFR Part 63 to 40 CFR Part 197."

Dear Mr. McCartin:

This letter documents the completion of IM 01402.771.120, "Conforming 10 CFR Part 63 to 40 CFR Part 197." This milestone was originally planned as a letter report, however, as we discussed at the time of the conforming effort, accelerated execution of the effort obviated the need for generating a separate CNWRA report. As you know, the Commission limited the time for staff to complete a draft of the conforming rulemaking package to approximately 5 weeks. The CNWRA contributions to the development of the rulemaking package were thereby limited to approximately two weeks. During that time, CNWRA staff worked closely with the rulemaking team to support development of the rulemaking package on the accelerated schedule. This CNWRA support included (i) participation in discussions to help formulate a consistent approach to conforming the draft final rulemaking package to 40 CFR Part 197, (ii) review and comment on assigned sections of the draft final rulemaking package with suggested changes to the rule text and responses to public comments, and (iii) submission of review comments on the draft final rule package.

Please contact Mr. Patrick LaPlante at (301) 881-0289 or me at (210) 522-5082 if you have any questions concerning this letter and the work it documents.

Sincerely yours,



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