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CHANGES IN BECHTEL SAIC COMPANY, LLC (BSC) QUALITY ASSURANCE (QA) ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBILITIES

This letter responds to Action Item Number 5 delineated in the summary of U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission/U.S. Department of Energy Quarterly QA Meeting, Rockville, Maryland, December 5, 2001.

The following changes in BSC QA Organization responsibilities will be implemented on March 25, 2002:

1. QA Surveillance – BSC QA Organization will conduct internal surveillance of the BSC Organization, including the functions of planning, scheduling, performing, and reporting. The BSC Organization includes BSC, National Laboratories, U.S. Geological Survey, and the BSC subcontractors who perform work subject to the requirements specified in DOE/RW-0333P, Quality Assurance Requirements and Description document.

The Office of Quality Assurance (OQA) will continue to perform QA Surveillance of the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM) activities, and the BSC Organization activities, as required.

2. Corrective Action – BSC QA Organization will perform all corrective action related activities associated with conditions adverse to quality (CAQ) identified by the BSC Organization that relate to the BSC Organization's activities, with the exception of:
 - Trend Coordinator responsibilities, and
 - Review and approval of Extended Processing, i.e., management escalation for CAQ that exceeds normal processing time (100 days).



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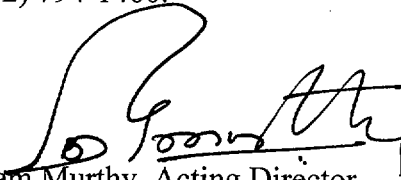
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The OQA will perform all corrective action activities associated with OCRWM activities, including Trend Coordination and Extended Processing for BSC identified CAQs.

We will provide additional notification to you prior to implementing any additional changes in BSC QA Organization responsibilities.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (702) 794-1460.



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