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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE), OFFICE OF CIVILIAN RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT (OCRWM) RESPONSE TO U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION (NRC) AUDIT OBSERVATION INQUIRY (AOI) YMSCO-ARC-02-12-01

Reference: Ltr, Arthur to Mitchell, dtd 4/7/03 (TDL Ltr. No. 03-017)

During audit YMSCO-ARC-02-12-01, the NRC Onsite Representative initiated an AOI related to the procedure development and review process. More specifically, the AOI described the need for the Office of Quality Assurance (OQA) to ensure that the procedure development and review process includes a documented evaluation to verify compliance with the requirements of the project's *Quality Assurance Requirements and Description (QARD)*, DOE/RW-0333P.

Technical Direction Letter (TDL) #03-17, dated April 7, 2003, established the direction to DOE's contractor relative to the procedure development and review process. The TDL directs in part that:

- The designated DOE line organization responsible for technical oversight of the work to be performed will concur with the Bechtel SAIC Company, LLC (BSC) Line Procedures that implement QARD requirements.
- The BSC Quality Assurance organization will review and document concurrence with all BSC procedures that implement QARD requirements.
- DOE OQA will review and document concurrence with all DOE procedures that implement QARD requirements.

This response answers AOI YMSCO-ARC-02-12-01. The OCRWM considers this item closed.

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