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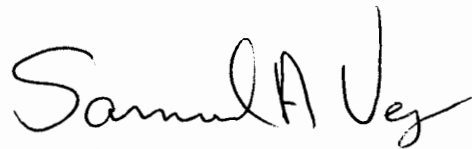
SUBJECT: Audit (A-00-16) of Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) TRU Waste Characterization and Certification Programs

TO: James Nunz, LAAO

Please be advised that a team of auditors from the Carlsbad Area Office (CAO) will conduct an audit at the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) in Los Alamos, New Mexico on September 25-29, 2000. The audit will be conducted in accordance with the enclosed audit plan. Observers from the Environmental Protection Agency and the New Mexico Environment Department will participate in the audit. Other interested parties may also accompany the audit team.

Your representatives are requested to coordinate with the audit team to develop the necessary documentation for team access to LANL facilities, arrange for appropriate space to conduct meetings, provide cognizant personnel to support the audit, and provide the audit team with access to appropriate documentation and records.

If you have any questions or comments concerning the audit, please contact me at (505) 234-7423.



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**CARLSBAD AREA OFFICE AUDIT PLAN**

**Audit Number:** CAO A-00-16

**Organization to Be Audited:** Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL)

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New Mexico Environment Department (NMED)  
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA-ORIA)  
Environmental Evaluation Group (EEG)  
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNSFB)

**Date and Location:** September 25-29, 2000  
Los Alamos, New Mexico

**Audit Team:**

Sam Vega	Quality Assurance Manager, CAO
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**Audit Scope:** The audit will evaluate the adequacy, implementation, and effectiveness of the technical activities and associated quality assurance program requirements related to the LANL TRU Waste characterization and certification programs for debris wastes. Compliance with the WIPP Hazardous Waste Permit Waste Analysis Plan will also be evaluated.

**Activities to be Audited:**

The following CAO Characterization/Certification technical elements will be evaluated:

Headspace Gas Sampling and Analysis  
Real Time Radioscopy (RTR)  
Visual Examination  
Generation Level Data Verification & Validation  
Project Level Data Verification & Validation

Acceptable Knowledge  
Waste Analysis Plan  
Waste Stream Profile Forms  
WIPP Waste Information System (WWIS)  
Gas Generation Test Program Activities

**Governing Documents/Requirements:**

Adequacy evaluations of new and revised LANL site and TRU Waste Certification Program (TWCP) specific documents will be based on the current revisions of the following documents:

CAO Quality Assurance Program Document, CAO-94-1012

Waste Acceptance Criteria for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, DOE/WIPP-069

Hazardous Waste Facility Permit Waste Isolation Pilot Plant EPA No. NM4890139088 by the New Mexico Environment Department, October 27, 1999

Safety Analysis Report for TRUPACT-II Shipping Package, Appendix 1.3.7, TRAMPAC

TRUPACT-II Certification of Compliance, NRC 71-9281

Programmatic and technical checklists will be developed from the active revision of the following documents:

LANL Transuranic Waste Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPjP), TWCP-PLAN-0.2.3-001

LANL Transuranic Waste Certification Plan (includes TRAMPAC), TWCP-PLAN-0.2.4-001

Related LANL technical and quality assurance implementing procedures

**Schedule of Audit Activities:**

A preaudit conference is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. Monday, September 25, 2000, in the MSL Auditorium (Technical Area 3, Bldg. 1698, Room A-103).

Auditing activities will commence at 1:30 p.m. Monday, September 25, 2000.


An audit team caucus will be held at 5:00 p.m. Monday and at 4:00 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday in Conference Rooms 1 and 2 at 528 35<sup>th</sup> Street, Los Alamos. This room will also serve as the main assembly area for the audit team throughout the week. On-site

interviews may be conducted in the RAMROD Conference Room (Technical Area 50, Bldg.37)

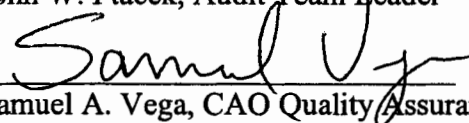
A separate caucus room is available from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. daily for regulatory personnel caucus requirements. On Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday it will be in Room 137 of Bldg 326 in Technical Area 46. On Wednesday it will be in Room 114, Bldg. RC-34, Technical Area 48.

The audit team will meet with appropriate LANL management at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday through Friday on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference area of the RAMROD facility building, LANL Technical Area 50.

A postaudit conference is scheduled for Friday, September 29, 2000, at 1:00 p.m. in the MSL Auditorium (Technical Area 3, Bldg. 1698, Room A-103).

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Date: 8/8/00

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Date: 8/9/00