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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

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SUBJECT:

Environmental Management Interim Policy for Maintaining the Integrity of Quality Assurance Program Commitments for Used Nuclear Fuel/High Level Waste

A critical aspect of the Office of Environmental Management (EM) mission is the responsibility for the management of DOE high-level radioactive waste and DOE Used Nuclear Fuel. DOE Order 435.1-1 and DOE Manual 435.1-1 provide the general requirements for these management activities; 10 CFR Part 830 provides the Quality Assurance (QA) requirements including the requirement for a Quality Assurance Program (QAP). EM, in part, has satisfied its responsibility for developing and implementing a QAP by adopting and adhering to the Quality Assurance Requirements and Description document (QARD) which was developed and maintained by the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM). Although the OCRWM has ceased operating, EM will continue to follow the QARD.

Except for those Field Offices that have been authorized to work to different revisions of the QARD, EM will continue to implement Revision 20 of the QARD. EM will neither make changes nor manage the QARD. Field Offices are not authorized to modify the QARD revision to which they are currently authorized to work. In addition, each Field Office is expected to continue implementing the EM QAP (EM-QA-001) as described in their organization-specific Quality Assurance Implementation Plans, also known as "QIPs".

The Office of Standards and Quality Assurance, EM-23, will serve as the focal point of contact within EM to support the Waste Custodians with issues related to applicable QA regulatory interpretation and clarification, assessments, or technical assistance needs.

For any questions or assistance, please contact Mr. Kenneth G. Picha, Jr., Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Safety and Security Program at (202) 586-5151.



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