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Subject: DOE MARLAP Draft Document Review (EM-NAMP-00-004)

To: Potential MARLAP Reviewers

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The Department of Energy (DOE), represented by the National Analytical Management Program (NAMP) and the Air, Water and Radiation Division (EH-412), has been an active participant in the development of the draft Multi-Agency Radiological Laboratory Analytical Protocols (MARLAP) manual. The intent of the MARLAP manual is to provide consistent and comprehensive guidance for the entire life cycle of radioanalytical data. This manual will ultimately become an important component in the development and execution of programs that result in radiochemical data, which meet the needs of the complex. In order to ensure that the MARLAP document is useful, applicable and consistent with DOE policies and procedures, a thorough review by qualified individuals is imperative. We are soliciting your input (or that of a designee) as a reviewer because the MARLAP manual may have a significant impact on your operation.

Please refer to the attached MARLAP Working Group memorandum for specific information regarding the review process. Please utilize the web-based MARLAP Draft Comment System that has been developed in support of this program. For your convenience, we have established a link to the Comment System website via the NAMP web page MARLAP section at: <http://www.em.doe.gov/namp/tdmarlap.html>. Note that you will require a user name and password to enter comments into the system. Mr. Todd McIntyre of SAIC will be coordinating the distribution of user names and passwords. Please contact him at 301-924-6113, or via e-mail at mcintyret@saic.com and provide the following information:

- first and last name
- office or organization name
- telephone and fax number
- e-mail address
- mailing address

After this information has been received, your user name and password will be sent to you automatically via e-mail. Comments should be submitted no later than May 10, 2000. During your review, I suggest that you focus on the following key items:

- applicability of the manual to your specific operation
- technical merit
- consistency with existing DOE policies and procedures
- ability of the manual to benefit DOE programs that generate and use radioanalytical data

Potential Marlap Reviewers

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I would like to thank you for your participation in the review of the draft MARLAP manual. Your input will help ensure that the manual is applicable, relevant and useful to the DOE radioanalytical community. If you have any questions, or would like to discuss this effort in greater detail, please contact me at (208) 526-2186 or via e-mail at mortonjs@id.doe.gov.



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Attachment

Attachment: Memorandum from Interagency MARLAP (Multi-Agency Radiological Laboratory Analytical Protocols) Manual Work Group (John Griggs)

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Request for Intra-Agency Review of Draft MARLAP Manual

FROM: Interagency MARLAP (Multi-Agency Radiological Laboratory Analytical Protocols)
Manual Work Group

TO: Federal Agency Reviewers

The purpose of this letter is to request that you review and comment on the draft Multi-Agency Radiological Laboratory Analytical Protocols (MARLAP) manual. The MARLAP manual is a document that provides guidance for the planning, implementation, and assessment phases of those projects, which require the laboratory analysis of radionuclides. This guidance is intended for project planners, managers and laboratory personnel. The manual's basic goal is to provide guidance to ensure that radioanalytical laboratory data will meet a projects or programs data requirements and needs.

The MARLAP manual is being developed as a multi-agency guidance document for project managers and radioanalytical laboratories. The document uses a performance-based approach and will support a wide range of data collection activities including site characterization and cleanup; compliance demonstration; decommissioning of nuclear facilities; remedial and removal actions; environmental monitoring; and waste management activities. Current participants include: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), U.S. Department of Defense (DoD), U.S. National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), U.S. Geologic Survey (USGS), and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). State participation in the development of the manual involved contributions from representatives from the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the State of California.

Many of you have already been very helpful in our development of the draft MARLAP manual. Headquarters, regional/field office, and laboratory input through this review process is a critical element in the further development of this manual. Therefore, we are now requesting that you review the draft manual. Where applicable, your office's review is also the vehicle through which agency concurrence will be obtained in approval of the manual.

The MARLAP manual will available for review beginning on February 10 through the following website: <http://www.eml.doe.gov/marlap/system/login.cfm> . The MARLAP work group requests that you review the manual and provide comments by May 10, 2000. Your review should focus on technical accuracy, consistency with agency policy, and understandability. We prefer your comments be entered electronically using the format described in the website, as we may be receiving comments from hundreds of reviewers. If you don't use our automated data entry system, your comments are guaranteed to be considered as part of the overall review. However, in order to expedite the review process, we request that you prepare your comments in a format similar to the one described on the website and send them to the appropriate point of contact in your agency.

Passwords to the website can be obtained from the point of contact in your agency. Their addresses and telephone numbers are listed in Attachment 1.

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Please note that this draft is for internal agency review only and not for distribution to the public. The MARLAP interagency workgroup plans to seek public comment in a subsequent draft through publication of a notice of availability in the Federal Register.

Thank you for your support in our guidance development effort. Please contact your agency point of contact if you have any questions concerning this request.

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