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Dear Dr. Robyn and Mr. Stanislaus:

The purpose of this letter is to transmit the support of the Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials (ASTSWMO) for the use of the Intergovernmental Data Quality Task Force (IDQTF) Uniform Federal Policy for Quality Assurance Project Plans (UFP-QAPP) Manual [Publication EPA-505-B-04-900A; DoD DTIC ADA 427785].

ASTSWMO understands that use of the UFP-QAPP Manual is voluntary, and that the document becomes mandatory for new QAPP development for any State and Territory department, agency or program that adopts the policy. ASTSWMO will encourage all State and Territory programs to voluntarily adopt the UFP QAPP Manual for all data collection activities, including but not limited to hazardous wastes, permitting, compliance, water, air and munitions programs. ASTSWMO requests that States and Territories have full partnership with U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) during the implementation of the UFP QAPP and that all parties fully embrace all concepts of the tool during its use. ASTSWMO will also work closely with U.S. EPA and DOD to ensure its proper use by State and Territory programs, including joint State-Federal training at ASTSWMO and State sponsored conferences and symposiums.

If you should have any questions or need any additional assistance or information regarding this matter, please contact me at (303) 692-3338 or Millie Garcia-Serrano of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, Chair of the ASTSWMO Federal Facilities Research Subcommittee, at (508) 946-2727.

Respectfully,



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