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SUBJECT: Transmittal of Preliminary Safety Analysis Report (PSAR) for the Remote-Handled Waste Facility, WVNS-SAR-023, Rev. 0, Draft C

REFERENCE: Letter WD:2000:0284 (71463), D. K. Ploetz to B. A. Mazurowski, "Preliminary Safety Analysis Report for the Remote Handled Waste Facility (WVNS-SAR-023, Rev. 0, Draft C)," dated April 11, 2000

Dear Mr. Parrott:

Enclosed for your review are ten copies of the PSAR for the Remote Handled Waste Facility.

The review schedule that was discussed between you and Thomas J. Vero of my staff indicates that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will begin reviewing this PSAR upon receipt and will provide any comments or questions to the Ohio Field Office West Valley Demonstration Project (OH/WVDP) by June 29, 2000. OH/WVDP will respond to any comments or questions in a manner similar to our responses to the Request for Additional Information on previous Safety Analysis Reports (SARs). Following satisfactory resolution of any open issues, NRC will provide a written report on WVNS-SAR-023 to OH/WVDP by August 11, 2000. This schedule will facilitate a September 2000 approval of WVNS-SAR-023 by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Ohio Field Office and allow for commencement of construction this fall.

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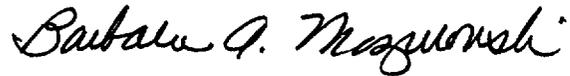
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If OH/WVDP can be of assistance in this review process or if you have any questions, please contact Thomas J. Vero at (716) 942-2772.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: Subject Document

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