

February 14, 1997

Mr. Ronald A. Milner, Director
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Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management
U.S. Department of Energy, RW 30
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

SUBJECT: MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 16, 1996, EXPLORATORY STUDIES FACILITY MEETING

Dear Mr. Milner:

Enclosed are the minutes of the December 16, 1996, technical meeting between the staff of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) on items of mutual interest regarding the Exploratory Studies Facility (ESF) Design and Construction. This meeting was held by three-way videoconference at DOE offices in Las Vegas, Nevada; NRC offices in Rockville, Maryland; and the Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses (CNWRA) offices in San Antonio, Texas, as one of a continuing series of periodic ESF meetings.

Organizations other than NRC and DOE that were represented at the meeting were the CNWRA; DOE's Management and Operating Contractor (M&O), the U.S. Geological Society, the U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board, the State of Nevada's Nuclear Waste Project Office, and Nye County, Nevada.

The meeting again resulted in a good exchange of information and views between DOE and NRC. No response to this letter is required. If you have any questions regarding this letter or the enclosed meeting minutes, please contact Michael P. Lee of my staff. He can be reached at (301) 415-6677.

Sincerely,

John H. Austin, Chief
Performance Assessment and High-Level
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