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Dear Mr. Shelor:

SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL OF MEETING SUMMARY FOR THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION (NRC)-U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE) MEETING ON THE CALICO HILLS RISK/BENEFIT ANALYSIS (CHRBA) AND THE EXPLORATORY SHAFT FACILITY ALTERNATIVES STUDY (ESF-AS)

The purpose of this letter is to transmit the meeting summary for the January 29-31, 1991 NRC-DOE meeting on the CHRBA and the ESF-AS. The purposes of the meeting were for the NRC staff and DOE to discuss (1) the results of the CHRBA, (2) DOE's response to the NRC staff's Objection 2 to DOE's Consultative Draft of the Site Characterization Plan relating to penetration into the Calico Hills unit, and (3) results of the ESF-AS. Representatives of the State of Nevada and the City of Las Vegas were also in attendance.

This meeting enabled NRC to gain a better understanding of what DOE was doing in the two studies, especially with regard to the identification and incorporation of regulatory requirements. However, it was determined prior to the meeting that NRC final positions regarding the contents of the subject documents, including whether regulatory considerations have been appropriately considered and addressed therein, were not to be forthcoming at this meeting and can only be taken after the NRC staff has reviewed DOE's final submittals of the subject documents and other relevant DOE documents.

Should you have any questions on the enclosure, please contact King Stablein (FTS/301-492-0446) of my staff.

Sincerely,

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