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Mr. Ralph Stein, Associate Director
for Systems Integration and Regulations
Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management
U.S. Department of Energy, RW-30
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Mr. Stein:

SUBJECT: MAY 22, 1990 MEETING ON THE QUALITY ASSURANCE WORKSHOP

The purpose of this letter is to transmit the enclosed minutes of the May 22, 1990 meeting on the quality assurance (QA) workshop. The participants were: the staff of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), the State of Nevada (NV), and Nye County, NV. There were also representatives of the Edison Electric Institute (EEI) and other interested parties in attendance.

This meeting was called as a follow-up to an April 12, 1990 meeting of members of the NRC staff and DOE which was held to discuss the need for a workshop to resolve the problems associated with a series of negative statements about the effects of QA on the High-Level Waste Repository Program. Both the NRC staff and EEI supported some form of workshop. DOE subsequently decided to hold a two-day meeting on August 7-8, 1990, in Denver, Colorado, with the DOE program participant contractors and national laboratories to discuss the QA problems (real or perceived) and follow the meeting with a second workshop to attempt to resolve any problems which surfaced at the August meeting.

The NRC staff observed the August workshop. While the staff recognized this as a valid step toward resolving the problems which have been associated with

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If you have any questions regarding this letter or the the enclosed meeting minutes, please contact Mark Delligatti of my staff at 301/FTS 492-0430.

Sincerely,

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