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Subject:

Transmittal of revised version of the Description of the Total System Performance

Assessment and Integration Issue Resolution Blueprint—Letter Report

IM 20.01402.761.140

Dear Mr. Firth:

The purpose of this letter is to transmit the revised version of the "Description of the Total System Performance Assessment and Integration Issue Resolution Blueprint—Letter Report", which was previously submitted to fulfill IM 20.01402.761.140. The original objective of the report was to document comments on Total System Performance Assessment and Integration Key Technical Issue arising from staff review of the Total System Performance Assessment—Site Recommendation, analysis and model reports, and process model reports. In addition, the report documents the prelicensing interaction process culminating in the development of DOE/NRC agreements on Total System Performance Assessment and Integration. The originally submitted document was revised to incorporate agreements reached at the Total System Performance Assessment and Integration (August 6-10, 2001) and Igneous Activity (September 5, 2001) technical exchanges. A new tracking number system was developed to group related comments. Editorial suggestions by the NRC were also incorporated in the text. A new appendix was added to the document, which includes the summary highlights of the Total System Performance Assessment and Integration technical exchange in August 2001 and NRC presentations delivered at this technical exchange, to present a more complete documentation of the prelicensing interaction process.

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If you have any technical or programmatic questions about the content of the review report, please contact Osvaldo Pensado at (210) 522-6084 or me at (210) 522-5082.

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