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MEMORANDUM FOR: J. Russell Dyer, YMSCO/PM

FROM: Ram B. Murthy, Acting Director
Office of Quality Assurance 

SUBJECT: Request to Reschedule Annual Compliance Audit of
Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Office (YMSCO)
(YMSCO-ARC-02-12)

In response to your memo dated August 26, 2002, requesting the annual compliance audit of YMSCO be rescheduled to March 2003, the request has been considered.

While the justification for the delay to allow for completion of programmatic changes associated with the Management Improvement Initiative (MII) is legitimate, the requested delay is too lengthy. Verification of the implementation of procedures that are currently in effect is required annually by DOE/RW-0333P, Revision 11, *Quality Assurance Requirements and Description*. However, we recognize the significant effort that is underway to realign procedural hierarchy and the impact on resources. At this time, in an effort to accommodate your request and considering the impact from the MII actions, we are extending the audit to December 2002. At that time, the need for further extension will be evaluated.

If you any have questions, please contact me at 794-1460.

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