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Mr. John P. Roberts, Acting Associate Director
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Dear Mr. Roberts:

SUBJECT: MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 28, 1992, MEETING ON THE QUALITY ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS AND DESCRIPTION DOCUMENT AND THE OFFICE OF CIVILIAN RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT AUDIT PROGRAM

I am transmitting the enclosed minutes of the October 28, 1992, meeting in which the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM) staff met with the staff of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission to present the draft OCRWM Quality Assurance Requirements and Description (QARD) document and proposed revisions to the OCRWM Audit Program. The meeting attendees included representatives from NRC, OCRWM, the State of Nevada, the U.S. Geological Survey, Weston, and CER Corporation. Although invited, there were no representatives of affected units of local government.

During the meeting, OCRWM presented information on its draft QARD that is intended to incorporate and clarify all quality assurance (QA) program requirements into a single document that can be used by all organizations in the DOE Civilian Radioactive Waste Management program. OCRWM noted that it wanted NRC to provide its comments on the QARD as they arose so that OCRWM could finalize and formally transmit the QARD to NRC during the week of November 23, 1992. The NRC staff committed to expedite its review.

During the second part of the meeting, OCRWM presented the changes to the OCRWM Audit Program that will result in a focus on performance based audits of work products and services and reduce programmatic reviews. OCRWM noted that these changes will not be made until the new QARD is implemented.

In concluding the presentation, OCRWM noted it had received some informal comments from NRC on changes to the participants' QA program plans and that those comments will be addressed in the QARD instead of under separate cover. The NRC staff agreed to this treatment of the comments provided that the QARD is issued in a timely manner.

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If you have any questions regarding this letter or the enclosed meeting minutes, please contact Ken Hooks of my staff at (301) 504-2447.

Sincerely,

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