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Dear Mr. Linehan:

This letter responds to your December 15, 1989, letter from J. Linehan to R. Stein regarding the NRC observation audit report for the Yucca Mountain Project Office audit 89-4 of the United States Geological Survey (USGS). You requested a schedule for the Department of Energy (DOE) Quality Assurance (QA) audits and surveillances of USGS activities in the next four months. The USGS in Denver, Colorado and in Las Vegas, Nevada will be audited in June and July, 1990, respectively. A surveillance of site monitoring activities at USGS was conducted between November 14 and 16, 1989. Surveillances were conducted of follow-up Standard Deficiency Reports according to criteria 1, 4, 5, 7, 12, 17, and 18 between January 22 and 26, 1990. The following surveillances will be conducted at USGS during the next four months:

<u>Period of Surveillance</u>	<u>Surveillance Activities/Items</u>
02/20/90 - 02/23/90	Software Control
03/26/90 - 03/30/90	Study Plans/Technical Review
05/07/90 - 05/11/90	Follow-up of Standard Deficiency Reports/Criteria 1, 5, 12, and 16

If you have any questions, please contact Corinne Macaluso, of my staff, at 586-2837.

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