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OBSERVATIONS 89-03-03 AND 89-03-06 GENERATED AS A RESULT OF YUCCA MOUNTAIN PROJECT OFFICE (PROJECT OFFICE) QUALITY ASSURANCE (QA) AUDIT 89-03

Reference: Letter, Horton to Hunter, dtd. 2/27/90

As noted in the above-referenced letter, the responses to Observations 89-03-03 and 89-03-06, generated as a result of Project Office QA Audit 89-03, have been evaluated and found to be unacceptable. It is understood that, while an attempt has been made by both your organization and Project Office QA, an acceptable resolution to the observations could not be reached.

Quality Management Procedure 16-03, Revision 1, defines an observation as: "The recognition of perception of a weakness in a technical area or in the Quality Assurance Program that, if left unaddressed, could result in a condition adverse to quality." Though no further amendment to the observations is requested, it should be clarified that these observations will remain open until the next scheduled audit. At that time, an evaluation will be completed to determine if the condition still exists as a potential weakness.

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