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Dear Mr. Linehan:

This references the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) letter to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) (Shelor to Linehan), dated January 22, 1991, and your letter to DOE (Linehan to Shelor), dated May 29, 1991, to provide clarification with regard to the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM) acceptance of the Technical and Management Support Services (T&MSS) Quality Assurance (QA) Program.

OCRWM wants to state explicitly that the T&MSS general support functions of air quality/meteorology and radiological monitoring are neither prerequisites nor constraints to the Midway Valley and Calcite-Silica activities. These general support functions are performed to satisfy either environmental requirements or DOE Orders.

With this in mind, the summarization statement in the January 22, 1991, letter is intended to reflect implementation of activities included within the scope of the T&MSS QA Program. This implementation was acceptable and allows the initiation of new site characterization activities with the exceptions as noted.

Should you have any questions, please contact Linda Desell of my office at (202) 586-1462.

Sincerely,

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