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FORTHCOMING QUALITY ASSURANCE (QA) AUDIT OF T&MSS AND NYE COUNTY CONCERNS RELATED TO THE YUCCA MOUNTAIN PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM

As you will recall, Nye County submitted a letter dated February 6, 1991 which brought to your attention the County's concern that the 1990 OCRWM and T&MSS audits inadequately assessed OCRWM and YMP's environmental program QA compliance.

Specifically, the County expressed concern that the YMP environmental program may lack clear management control, effective delegation of authorities, objective evidence of grading procedures being appropriately applied and understandable planning document interfaces.

To date, the County has not received a response to its letter, even though it has been given assurances that it "is forthcoming".

A second audit is to be performed of the Technical and Management Support Services (T&MSS) contractor during the week of June 17, 1991. Unfortunately, the County will not be able to observe this audit. Therefore the County requests that the audit team include the issues emanating from its observation of the last T&MSS audit in the programmatic and technical auditors' checklist for explicit investigation and evaluation.

If you or your staff should have any questions regarding this request, I can be reached at (703) 818-2434.

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