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Mr. John J. Linehan
Director
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Office of Nuclear Material
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Linehan:

Enclosed, for your information, is the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management Office of Quality Assurance (QA) Audit Report No. YMP-91-03 of Los Alamos National Laboratory (Los Alamos) support of the Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Project. The audit was conducted by the Yucca Mountain Quality Assurance Division at the Los Alamos facilities in Los Alamos, New Mexico, on March 25 through 29, 1991.

During the course of this audit, the audit team generated one Corrective Action Request (CAR) (Enclosure 5 of the audit report) and 12 recommendations (page 6 of the audit report) whereby the Los Alamos QA Program could be improved.

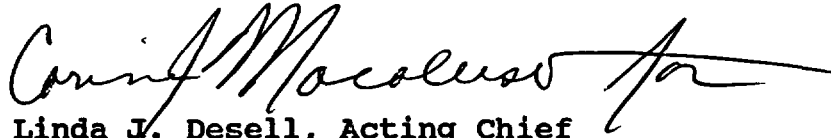
A response to the CAR is due from Los Alamos to the Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Project Office (YMPO) in 30 days from issuance of the CAR. A response by Los Alamos to this audit report is not necessary. The subject audit is considered completed as of letter dated May 2, 1991 (from D. Horton, Acting Director, DOE Headquarters Office of Quality Assurance (OQA) to Richard J. Herbst, Technical Project Officer for YMPO, at Los Alamos; subject: Office of Quality Assurance Audit YMP-91-03 of Los Alamos National Laboratory Support of the Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Project); however, any open CAR will continue to be tracked until it has been closed to the satisfaction of the Audit Team Leader and OQA Director.

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Should you have any questions, please contact me at
(202) 586-1462.

Sincerely,

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Linda J. Desell, Acting Chief
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Enclosure:

Office of Quality Assurance Audit YMP-91-03 of Los Alamos
National Laboratory Support of the Yucca Mountain Site
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