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Mr. Ralph Stein, Associate Director for Systems Integration and Regulations Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management U.S. Department of Energy, RW-30 Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Mr. Stein:

SUBJECT: APRIL 12, 1990 MEETING ON THE QUALITY ASSURANCE (QA) WORKSHOP

The purpose of this letter is to transmit the enclosed minutes of the April 12, 1990 meeting on the proposed QA workshop. The participants were: the staff of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and representatives of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

During the course of this meeting there was a discussion of whether or not a workshop was needed to surface, consider, and possibly resolve issues or perceived issues which might be hindering the implementation of successful QA programs by the contractors involved in the DOE high-level waste repository program. There was agreement on the need for a workshop, but disagreement over whether one of its goals should be resolution of issues. The NRC staff feels strongly that issue resolution should be a part of the workshop.

The NRC staff and DOE also prepared a proposed agenda for a meeting which was to be held at a midwestern location convenient to all proposed participants. This was to be the meeting at which a final determination would be made on the timing, agenda and location of the workshop. It was anticipated that the participants would include the Technical Project Officers (TPOs) from DOE's private contractors and national laboratories, as well as, the NRC staff and representatives of DOE and the State of Nevada. Subsequently, DOE decided against including the TPOs at the meeting. Therefore, the location was changed to the Washington, DC area where the meeting was held on May 22, 1990. Minutes of that meeting will be forwarded separately.

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Sincerely,

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