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STATE OBSERVATION OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE) QUALITY ASSURANCE (QA) AUDIT OF SANDIA NATIONAL LABORATORY (SNL)

The DOE audited SNL during the week of August 18, 1991. During the audit, the audit team identified the weakness as described in your letter dated September 9, 1991. The effectiveness of criterion 18 was deemed marginally effective in part on those weaknesses.

The DOE is sensitive to the recurrent finding that the audit reports were not issued within the time frame mandated by the QAPP. Consequently, a letter, Horton to Associate and Office Directors, OCRWM, dated September 17, 1991, was issued to emphasize the need to maintain cognizance of those deficiencies previously identified to assure effective corrective actions.

We, too, believe the SNL program has matured. The goal is to continually improve, such that expectations grow and the level of achievement increases.

If you wish to discuss the audit results, please call me at (202) 586-8858.

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