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Mr. Dwight E. Shelor, Associate Director
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Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management
U.S. Department of Energy
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Mr. Shelor:

On July 16, 1991, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) forwarded Revision 4 of the Science Applications International Corporation/Technical & Management Support Services (SAIC/T&MSS) Quality Assurance Program Description Document (QAPD) for U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff review and acceptance.

The NRC staff's evaluation is contained in the enclosed Safety Evaluation (SE). As noted in the conclusion of the SE, the NRC staff finds that the SAIC/T&MSS QAPD, Revision 4, meets the applicable criteria of Subpart G to Title 10 Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) Part 60 and Appendix B to 10 CFR Part 50 as elaborated on in the "NRC Review Plan for High-Level Waste Repository Quality Assurance Program Descriptions," Revision 2, dated March 1989, and the QAPD is fully acceptable.

Changes may be made to the SAIC/T&MSS QAPD if these changes do not downgrade DOE commitments that the NRC has already accepted. Changes that downgrade the program commitments should be submitted to the NRC for its review, evaluation, and acceptance.

A copy of this letter and the SE should be included with each controlled copy of the SAIC/T&MSS QAPD, Revision 4. One copy should be resubmitted to NRC. Should you have any questions, please contact John Buckley of my staff on 301/492-0513.

Sincerely,

JS

John J. Linehan, Acting Director
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