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SUBMITTAL OF U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE) SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSES TO SITE CHARACTERIZATION ANALYSIS (SCA) OPEN ITEMS TO THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION (NRC) (SCPB: N/A)

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The purpose of this letter is to inform the NRC of DOE's new process for submitting SCA supplemental responses to the NRC as discussed during the April 11, 1995, DOE/NRC management meeting. At that time, both agencies discussed ways to reduce the number of required written submittals.

Beginning in September 1995, the DOE plans to submit to the NRC supplemental responses to SCA open items on a biannual basis. These supplemental responses will provide a proposed resolution for the open items and a current status of SCA open items. The status will include a list of those items awaiting DOE action, open items on which DOE has acted, and those awaiting action by the NRC.

This method of submitting supplemental responses for SCA open items will reduce the total number of DOE submittals by eliminating separate proposed responses to one or two open items at a time. Although we had discussed using the Site Characterization Progress Reports as a possible means for the transmittal of these supplemental responses, we believe the alternative method proposed here will not complicate the progress report production process or greatly increase the length of this document. We plan to continue to use Appendix E of the progress report as a statusing tool for SCA open items, but the additional information for our supplemental responses will be sent in our biannual letter submittals discussed above.

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