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Mr. John P. Roberts, Acting Associate Director  
for Systems and Compliance  
Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management  
U.S. Department of Energy, RW 30  
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Mr. Roberts:

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF RAYTHEON SERVICES NEVADA (RSN) QUALITY ASSURANCE  
PROGRAM DESCRIPTION (QAPD)

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management transmitted a copy of the RSN QAPD to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) in a letter from D. Shelor to J. Linehan dated August 1, 1991. In its letter, DOE stated that the RSN QAPD was formed by merging the applicable parts of the Holmes & Narver (H&N) and Fenix & Scisson of Nevada (FSN) Quality Assurance Program Plans which were previously accepted by the NRC (ref. J. Linehan to R. Stein Safety Evaluation letters for RSN and H&N dated October 24, 1989, and October 3, 1989, respectively). The NRC staff reviewed the RSN QAPD to assure the transition plan which merged the FSN and H&N QAPDs to the present RSN QAPD, did not downgrade any of the DOE commitments previously accepted by the NRC staff for the FSN and H&N QA programs.

As a result of the NRC staff review of the RSN QAPD, ten comments were generated, discussed, and transmitted to DOE and the State of Nevada via facsimile on October 22, 1991. The DOE and NRC staffs discussed the DOE responses to the NRC staff comments in a November 7, 1991 conference call. DOE formally presented their responses to the NRC staff at the November 14, 1991 NRC/DOE QA meeting in Rockville, Maryland. The responses were subsequently satisfactorily incorporated into the RSN QAPD and transmitted to the NRC staff in a letter from J. Roberts to J. Linehan dated November 26, 1991.

The NRC staff has reviewed the DOE responses and finds them acceptable. Based on the NRC staff review of the RSN QAPD, we find this document continues to meet the NRC conclusions documented in the Safety Evaluation letters as noted above. This document can serve as an adequate framework for RSN to develop specific policies, plans, and procedures to implement the RSN QA program.

Changes may be made to the RSN QAPD if they do not downgrade the program 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 should be included with each controlled

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copy of the RSN QAPD, Revision 0. One copy should be resubmitted to NRC. Should you have any questions concerning our review, please contact William Belke on FTS/(301) 492-0445.

Sincerely,

*for Newton K. Stollen*

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