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U.S. Department of Energy, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Mr. Roberts:

SUBJECT: MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 18, 1992, QUALITY ASSURANCE MEETING

I am transmitting the enclosed minutes of the February 18, 1992, quality assurance (QA) meeting. The meeting attendees included representatives from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Nuclear Waste Management System Management and Operating Contractor (M&O), Nye County, Nevada, Edison Electric Institute, Roy F. Weston, Inc., CER Corporation, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), and Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analysis. The State of Nevada was invited, but did not send a representative.

At this meeting, DOE presented information on the following topics: (1) status of Corrective Action Requests (CARs) from the August 1991 audit of Environmental Restoration and Waste Management (EM); (2) results of QA audits of neutron hole drilling, core sample recovery, processing and storage; (3) evaluation of results of fiscal year 1992 limited scope audits; (4) integration/consolidation of Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM) Headquarters and Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Project Office (YMPO) procedures; and (5) status of OCRWM review and approval of M&O QA manual and program. The NRC staff presented observation summaries of OCRWM audit (HQ-92-001), YMPO audit (YMP-91-I-01), Reynolds Electrical & Engineering Co., Inc. REECo audit (YMP-92-04), Raytheon Services Nevada audit (YMP-92-06), and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory audit (YMP-92-05). The NRC also gave presentations on the NRC audit of the USGS, status of QA Open Items and the Monitored Retrievable Storage and Transportation interface between DOE/NRC.

During the meeting, DOE stated that the NRC will not be requested by DOE to accept either the M&O Quality Assurance Program Description (QAPD) or the M&O QA program. DOE also stated that it will not perform any implementation audit of the M&O prior to permitting them to perform quality affecting work. Before the NRC staff can agree with this DOE position, DOE will need to provide acceptable justification for not requesting an NRC review of the M&O QAPD and QA program. In addition, the NRC staff will have to review the justification. At the meeting, the NRC requested DOE to state its positions and the rationale for the positions in a letter to the NRC. DOE agreed to this request.

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If you have any questions regarding this letter or the enclosed meeting minutes, please contact Ken Hooks of my staff at (301)504-2447/FTS964-2447.

Sincerely,

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