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Mr. Joseph J. Holonich, Director
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Division of High-Level Waste Management
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Holonich:

Enclosed for your information is the Readiness Review Report of the Management and Operating (M&O) contractor Nevada Site. The Readiness Review was conducted over the period of November 22, 1991, to December 18, 1991. This report represents documentation of completion of the first phase of three phases for verifying the readiness of the M&O Quality Assurance program and authorizes the M&O Nevada Site to commence quality-affecting work as defined in the report or unless otherwise directed by the Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM).

As indicated by the enclosed letter dated January 23, 1992, from Mr. Roland L. Robertson, General Manager, Nuclear Waste Management System, M&O Program, to Dr. John Bartlett, Director, OCRWM, recommended hold points have been established so that quality-affecting work will not begin in those areas until identified open items are rectified. Moreover, open items and hold points are not affecting any M&O work required to support the Yucca Mountain Project.

Should you have questions, please contact Sharon Skuchko of my office at (202) 586-4590.

Sincerely,

John P. Roberts
Acting Associate Director for
Systems and Compliance
Office of Civilian Radioactive
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Readiness Review Report of the
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January 23, 1992

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Dear Dr. Bartlett,

The enclosed Readiness Review Report of the M&O Nevada Site is the documentation of the completion of the first phase of the mutually agreed upon process for verifying the readiness of the M&O Quality Assurance program. I concur with the recommendations of the Readiness Review Team and Board and propose to authorize the M&O Nevada Site to commence quality affecting work as defined in this report unless you direct otherwise. I have established the recommended hold points and quality affecting work will not commence in those areas until the prerequisites are satisfied. Open items and hold points are not affecting any M&O work required to support the Yucca Mountain Project.

I appreciate the cooperation and assistance of the OCRWM Readiness Review Team observers and Readiness Review Board members. I believe we have established an excellent approach for validating the readiness of the M&O and look forward to similar success in the next two phases.

Very truly yours,

R. L. Robertson
General Manager
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