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Dear Mr. Holonich:

Enclosed with this letter is a controlled copy of Study Plan 8.3.1.5.1.1, "Characterization of Modern Regional Precipitation," Revision 0 (enclosure 1) prepared by the U.S. Department of Energy for the Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Office. The study plan numbers correspond to the same numbers used in the Site Characterization Plan for the Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Office.

Study plans are prepared, reviewed, and approved under Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Office quality assurance procedures. It should be noted that there may be some inconsistencies in the milestone report titles and schedules given in this study plan and those in the Site Characterization Plan. Study plans, in general, represent a further evolution of the study in the areas related to schedules and milestones relative to the Site Characterization Plan, and as such, represent the Department's current plans.

This study plan was submitted to the Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Office for review before the 1993 U.S. Department of Energy/U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission study plan agreement became effective. Therefore, the Department has reviewed the study plan for consistency with the content requirements for study plans, as given in Attachment B to the Summary of the U.S. Department of Energy/U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission meeting on the Level-of-Detail for the Site Characterization Plan (May 7-8, 1986). Enclosure 2 is a list of technical procedures that will be used in conjunction with this study plan.

The Department did not identify any site characterization analysis open items related to this study plan.

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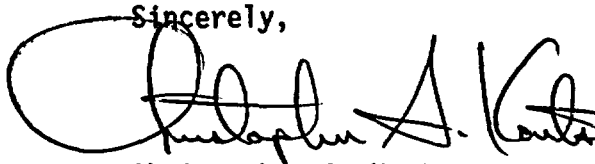
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The Document Transmittal/Acknowledgement Record for your controlled copy of the study plan should be signed and dated and returned to the Document Control Center in Las Vegas, Nevada.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Sheila Long at (202) 586-1447.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures:

1. Study Plan 8.3.1.5.1.1,
Revision 0
2. Technical Procedures

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