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Mr. Ralph Stein, Associate Director
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Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management
U.S. Department of Energy, RW-30
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Mr. Stein:

The purpose of this letter is to transmit the summary for the April 7, 1990 NRC-DOE Technical Exchange on DOE's Exploratory Shaft Facility (ESF) Alternatives Study. DOE gave a presentation illustrating how 10 CFR Part 60 requirements are being considered in the ongoing study to evaluate alternative repository access configurations and ESF configurations and construction methods. NRC asked questions on how preservation of the site's waste isolation capability is being explicitly factored into the process leading to eventual selection of a preferred ESF/repository option. The State of Nevada also participated in this exchange.

Should you have any questions on the enclosure, please contact King Stablein (FTS 492-0446) of my staff.

Sincerely,

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