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Dear Mr. Linehan:

This letter is to respond to your request of May 14, 1990, for two references from Appendix A.3 of the Exploratory Shaft Facility (ESF) Subsystem Design Requirements Document (SDRD) for Title II (YMP/CM-0006), Revision 1.

The first document requested is Sandia National Laboratories, "Yucca Mountain Project Preliminary Shaft Liner Design Criteria and Methodology Guide," Approval Draft Revision D, SAND 88-7060. This document has just been released and several members of the NRC staff are on the distribution list. King Stablein verified this and checked to be sure that the copies have been received since the letter of May 14, 1990, was sent. Therefore, unless there is a further request related to this publication, this request will be considered fulfilled.

The second document requested, Sandia National Laboratories, "Preliminary Evaluation: Three-Dimensional Far-Field Analysis for the Exploratory Shaft Facility," SLTR PDM 75-13, Rev. 1, is still in preliminary draft form. DOE does not consider it appropriate to release such documents until they have been subjected to all relevant QA and technical verifications. However, your name has been put on the distribution list for the document and you will be sent a copy as soon as it is finalized. At the present time, it appears it may be as long as a year before finalization due to the implementation of a new QA system at Sandia National Laboratories. I regret the delay but am sure you will understand the need for strict adherence to all QA requirements.

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If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please contact Linda Desell, 586-1642, of my staff.

Sincerely,

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