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Mr. John P. Roberts, Acting Associate Director  
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Dear Mr. Roberts:

SUBJECT: OBSERVATION AUDIT OF RAYTHEON SERVICES NEVADA

I am transmitting the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Observation Audit Report No. 92-14 for the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM), Office of Quality Assurance (OQA), Quality Assurance (QA) Audit No. YMP-92-18 of Raytheon Services Nevada (RSN) conducted at Las Vegas, Nevada, from June 22-26, 1992. The NRC staff evaluated the DOE/OQA audit to gain confidence that OQA and RSN are properly implementing the requirements of the OCRWM QA program. The NRC staff based its evaluation of the DOE/OQA audit process and the RSN QA program on direct observations of the auditors, discussions with the audit team and RSN and contractor personnel, and reviews of the pertinent audit information (e.g., audit plan, checklists, and RSN documents).

The NRC staff has determined that DOE/OQA Audit No. YMP 92-18 was useful and effective. The audit was well organized and conducted in a thorough and professional manner with minimal logistic delays. The audit team was well qualified in the QA discipline, and their assignments and checklist items were adequately described in the audit plan. The audit team included five auditors and two technical specialists.

The NRC staff observed the audit team's evaluation of programmatic elements 3.0 and 19.0. With regard to these criteria, the NRC staff agrees with the preliminary audit team findings that the RSN QA program has adequate procedural controls in place and implementation in the areas audited is satisfactory.

OCRWM should closely monitor RSN QA program implementation to ensure that the deficiencies identified during this audit are corrected in a timely manner and future implementation is carried out in an effective manner. The NRC staff expects to participate in this monitoring as observers and may perform its own independent audit at a later date to assess the RSN QA program.

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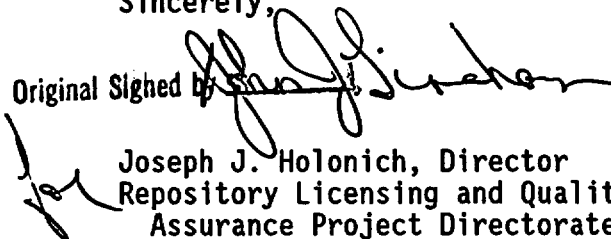
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A written response to this letter or the enclosed report is not required. If you have any questions, please call John Buckley on (301) 504-2513.

Sincerely,

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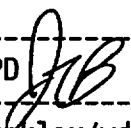
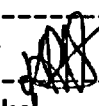
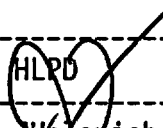
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