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Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Holonich:

For your information, the Management and Operating (M&O) Contractor, TRW Environmental Safety Systems, Inc., for the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM) has scheduled the following readiness reviews:

<u>Review</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
Exploratory Studies Facility (ESF) Title II Design	Las Vegas, NV	9-16-92
Repository Advanced Conceptual Design	Las Vegas, NV	9-17-92
Engineered Barrier System/Waste Package Advanced Conceptual Design	Las Vegas, NV	9-17-92
Monitored Retrievable Storage/Safety Analysis Review Title I Design	Charlotte, NC	10-13-92

The reviews in Las Vegas, NV, are scheduled to be conducted from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. PDT, at the Valley Bank Building, 101 Convention Center Drive. The review in Charlotte, NC, is scheduled to be conducted from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. EDT, at the Duke Power Building located at 230 South Tryon Street, Suite 400. The main telephone number for Duke Power is (704) 373-2473.

The reviews will address all activities, both Quality Assurance (QA) and non-QA, necessary to execute M&O Contractor work responsibilities in each respective area as outlined in its scope of work and work authorization directives. The readiness reviews will be conducted in accordance with Quality Administrative Procedure-2-6, Revision 1, "Readiness Review" (enclosure 1), and the applicable Readiness Review Plan (enclosure 2).

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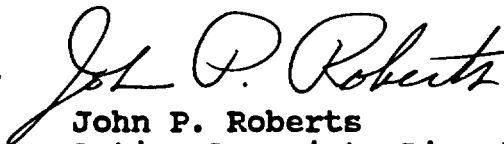
The reviews will verify satisfaction of all M&O work activity prerequisites; verify that detailed implementing documents are available and approved; and that adequate members of personnel in each required discipline have been suitably trained and qualified. The findings of readiness reviews at both the Nevada Site and MRS, as well as the M&O readiness reviews (both QA and Management Controls), along with other QA program audits and surveillances, are to be reviewed and evaluated as part of these readiness reviews. Particular attention will be paid to the status of Open Items identified during previous respective readiness reviews.

For your information, Mr. Nat Trembath, of the M&O Contractor, is appointed to serve as Chairman of the Readiness Review Board and Mr. Art Kubo, also of the M&O Contractor, as the Review Team Leader. Enclosed are the schedules for each readiness review and a list of participants (enclosure 3).

Due to short notice, the U.S. Department of Energy telephoned Mr. Kenneth Hooks of your office on the afternoon of September 11, 1992, to advise him of the scheduled readiness reviews.

Please contact Sharon Skuchko of my office at (202) 586-4590 if you plan to have an observer at the reviews.

Sincerely,



John P. Roberts
Acting Associate Director for
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3 Enclosures:
As stated

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