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Office of Nuclear Material Safety  
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Washington, DC 20555

Reference: Letter, J. Roberts to J. Holonich, dated  
November 6, 1992

Dear Mr. Holonich:

On November 6, 1992, the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM) sent you a letter providing supporting information for the OCRWM position to not request Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) acceptance of the OCRWM Management and Operating (M&O) contractor Quality Assurance Program, and for not performing a qualification audit prior to authorization for the M&O initiation of quality-affecting work.

The second to last paragraph of the referenced letter states that "we consider this issue closed." As NRC staff and others have pointed out in several meetings since the beginning of this year, the statement is made in an inappropriate manner. The sentence should have read that "we consider this issue resolved."

I apologize for any inconvenience this mis-statement of our position may cause to your record-keeping.

Sincerely,

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