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POSTPONEMENT OF PACIFIC NORTHWEST LABORATORIES (PNL) AUDIT YM-93-19

Based on the following reasons, the audit of PNL, originally scheduled to be performed December 7-11, 1992, has been indefinitely postponed.

PNL's Quality Assurance (QA) Program was fully approved June 21, 1992, and based on an audit scoping visit on October 8, 1992, and further consultation with Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Project Office management, it has been determined that insufficient activity has occurred to date which would warrant an audit. In addition, PNL's funding for fiscal year 1993 has been significantly reduced, so it will be some time before sufficient activity has occurred to adequately provide a basis for a full QA Program audit.

An evaluation of PNL's activities will be conducted in March 1993, and a decision will be made as to when PNL will be rescheduled for an audit. In lieu of the scheduled audit, the Yucca Mountain Quality Assurance Division will perform a surveillance of the limited activities performed to date. The input obtained from the surveillance will provide a baseline for future audits of PNL's activities.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (702) 794-7504.

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