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Mr. Joseph J. Holonich, Director Repository Licensing and Quality Assurance Project Directorate Division of High-Level Waste Management Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Holonich:

An anonymous letter dated May 12, 1992, was transmitted to the Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM), Quality Concerns Program, and to Mr. John Gilray, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Yucca Mountain Project (YMP) resident.

On June 5, 1992, the Director, OCRWM, assigned the Director, Office of Quality Assurance, the responsibility to assemble a team, independent of the YMP, to investigate the two concerns alleged in the letter and report the results. This investigation has been completed.

The investigating team determined that the concerns were not "quality concerns" (i.e., related to public and worker radiological safety or waste isolation). The team did, however, substantiate one of the concerns and the Office of the Director is implementing the team's recommendations to correct the problem.

Due to the sensitive nature of the investigative report, it will be maintained at the Office of the Director, OCRWM.

Sincerely,

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