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Waste Management  
U.S. Department of Energy  
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Dear Mr. Shelor:

SUBJECT: YUCCA MOUNTAIN SITE VISITS

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A written response to this letter or to the enclosed reports is not required. If you have any questions, please call Philip Justus of my staff at (702) 388-6125.

Sincerely,

Joseph J. Holonich, Chief  
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Division of Waste Management  
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