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Dear Mr. Holonich:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) provided an evaluation of the Department of Energy's (DOE) December 14, 1990, responses to the 2 objections, 133 comments, and 63 questions in the Site Characterization Analysis (SCA) (NUREG-1347) in an enclosure to a letter dated July 31, 1991. On the basis of the DOE December 1990 responses, NRC closed 59 comments and questions and established the remaining 139 as open items.

During FY 1992, the DOE provided documentation reporting additional information or actions taken toward resolving 24 open items. During FY 1993, the DOE provided similar information on 17 more open items.

Our records show that for FY 1992, the NRC concurred that one open item was resolved. For FY 1993, NRC has concurred upon the proposed resolutions for 18 open items.

Enclosure 1 is a tabulation that reports only the number of open items that DOE has acted upon since December 1990, and the number of open items that NRC has acted upon in the same time frame. Enclosure 2 is a DOE/NRC correspondence log that reports the actions taken with respect to all SCA open items since DOE's December 1990 responses.

We think both compilations will be useful to aid NRC and DOE in verifying their records. We would appreciate confirmation that the reported data is correct or if any discrepancies are present.

If you have questions, please contact Ms. Sheila Long at 202-586-1447.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:
1. Tabulation of Open Item Actions
2. Correspondence/Action Log

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TABULATION OF PROGRESS IN RESOLVING SCA OPEN ITEMS

Two stage process,

1) DOE sends basis to resolve, 2) NRC concurs or not

DOE'S ACTION ---	STILL OPEN	NRC'S ACTION ---	STILL OPEN
12/14/90	198	7/31/91	139
11/26/91	139	11/2/92	129
12/16/91	129	2/8/93	122
7/23/92	128	4/21/93	121
8/31/92	121	5/5/93	122
9/16/92	120		
1/7/93	118		
2/5/93	115		
3/24/93	113		
5/27/93	110		
6/9/93	108		
7/12/93	104		

ENCLOSURE 1

DOE/NRC CORRESPONDENCE LOG OF SCA OPEN ITEM ACTIONS

NRC and DOE actions taken since DOE responded to SCA on 12/14/90.

7/31/91	Ltr. Bernero to Bartlett (NRC closes 59 comments and questions based on DOE's 12/14/90 responses)
12/16/91	Ltr. Roberts to Linehan (DOE advocates closure of Q 1 in responses to NRC comments on study plan 8.3.1.17.4.6)
3/2/92	Ltr. Bernero to Bartlett (NRC lifts Objection 2)
3/3/92	Ltr. Roberts to Linehan (DOE advocates closure of Obj. 1, C 12, 16, 34, 35, 57, 72, 127, 128, 130, 132 & Q 28 & 61)
7/23/92	Ltr. Roberts to Holonich (DOE advocates closure of C 42 and 43)
9/16/92	Ltr. Roberts to Holonich (DOE advocates closure of Q 31
8/31/92	Ltr. Roberts to Holonich (DOE advocates closure of C 100, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112 & 113)
11/2/92	Ltr. Bernero to Bartlett (NRC lifts Obj. 1, closes C 12, 16, 35, 57, 72, 127,128 & 132 & Q 61.
1/7/93	Ltr. Roberts to Holonich (DOE advocates closure of C 21 & 22)
2/8/93	Ltr. Holonich to Roberts (NRC closes C 100, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112 & 113)
2/5/93	Ltr. Roberts to Holonich (DOE advocates closure of C 53 & Q 14 & 15)
3/24/93	Ltr. Shelor to Holonich (DOE advocates closure of Q 17 & 57)
4/13/93	Ltr. Shelor to Holonich (DOE advocates closure of Q 25)
4/21/93	Ltr. Holonich to Shelor (NRC agrees SCA Q 17 is resolved in Phase I review letter for study plan 8.3.1.2.4.3
5/5/93	Ltr. Bernaro to Barrett (NRC disagrees with proposed 12/16/91 closure of Q 1)

ENCLOSURE 2

5/27/93 Ltr. Shelor to Holonich
(DOE advocates closure of C 95, 105 & 115)

6/9/93 Ltr. Shelor to Holonich
(DOE advocates closure of C 47 & Q 12)

7/12/93 Ltr. Shelor to Holonich
(DOE advocates closure of C 3, 7, 45, & Q 38)