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Mr. Ronald A. Milner, Acting Director
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Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Mr. Milner:

SUBJECT: ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT AUGUST 31, 1994, MEETING ON THE M&O DESIGN
QUALITY/QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM

Enclosed is the list of items I brought up during the conference call among
DOE, NRC, and other personnel on Wednesday, August 18, 1994. These items
should form the bases for discussion at the August 31, 1994, meeting.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: As stated

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ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

AT THE M&O DESIGN QUALITY/QUALITY ASSURANCE MEETING

ON AUGUST 31, 1994

- What is the status of corrective actions
 - Status of Design Package 2C and the basis for starting the TBM
 - What is the length of time for DOE to review Design Package 2C for acceptance
 - What is the viability of the September 8, 1994 TBM start date
- Describe the Six-Point Correction Program
 - What is the program
 - Where does it stand in terms of development and implementation
 - How will DOE know it is being acceptably implemented by the M&O
 - Why does DOE believe this program will correct the problem given the history of recurrence
- Provide a history of concerns with the M&O QA Program
 - What common, or recurring, problems have been identified in audits conducted since February 1993. (February 1993 was the first audit that formed the basis for the August 20, 1993 letter raising significant concerns with the M&O QA program.)
 - Given the recurrence of some findings over several audits, what is the root cause for these problems, and why didn't the M&O corrective action program fix these findings
 - What type of findings have been identified by internal M&O audits
- How will DOE and the M&O have confidence that the rework complete will be acceptable given that the corrective actions are still ongoing.
- What other actions have DOE and the M&O taken, or plan to take, to address the deficiencies identified with the M&O program
- Describe why the DOE actions taken in response to the August 20, 1993 letter did not prevent these concerns from occurring