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It is understood that technical exchanges will be held between NRC and DOE technical staffs to discuss this topic in detail. If you have any questions on the attached minutes, please contact Paul Prestholt of my staff at (301) 504-3810.

Sincerely.

Joseph J. Holonich, Director Repository Licensing and Quality Assurance Project Directorate Division of High-Level Waste Management Office of Nuclear Material Safety

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