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Washington, DC 20585

August 22, 1995

Dr. William Travers, Director
Spent Fuel Project Office
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Dr. Travers:

My letter dated August 11, 1995, informed you of a stop work order that resulted from a QA audit conducted by Westinghouse Electric Corporation on its subcontractor, Packaging Technology Inc. The QA audit was conducted during the week of July 31, 1995. Due to certain deficiencies identified during the audit, Westinghouse issued a stop work order for Packaging Technology on August 2, 1995. Packaging Technology stopped work on August 3, 1995.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the stop work order was subsequently lifted on August 10, 1995. Westinghouse Electric Corporation lifted the stop work order after reviewing and agreeing that the activities performed by Packaging Technology to correct the quality discrepancies and to prevent their future occurrence were appropriate and adequate. It was also determined by Westinghouse that the Multi-Purpose Canister (MPC) design activities had not progressed to the point where design activities were affected by the discrepancies identified during the audit.

Additional details of the QA audit, the stop work order and its lifting will be presented to the staff at the next Westinghouse MPC meeting currently scheduled for September 7, 1995. If you have any questions on this matter, please contact me at (202) 586-9620 or Bob Clark, Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management Headquarters Quality Assurance Division at (202) 586-1238.

Sincerely,

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