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Mr. Ronald A. Milner, Director
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U.S. Department of Energy, RW 30
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
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SUBJECT: MINUTES OF THE JUNE 3, 1996, EXPLORATORY STUDIES FACILITY MEETING

Dear Mr. Milner:

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Organizations other than NRC and DOE that were represented at the meeting were the CNWRA; the Nuclear Energy Institute; the State of Nevada Nuclear Waste Project Office; the State of Nevada Nuclear Waste Task Force; Clark County, Nevada; Nye County, Nevada; U.S. Geological Survey; DOE's Management and Operating Contractor; DOE's Quality Assurance Technical Support Services; and Weston.

The meeting again resulted in a good exchange of information and views between DOE and NRC. No response to this letter is required. If you have any questions regarding this letter or the meeting minutes, please contact Jack Spraul of my staff. He can be reached at (301) 415-6715.

Sincerely,

John C. Austin for

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