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May 27, 1997

Mr. Ronald A. Milner, Director
for Program Management and Integration
Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management
1000 Independence Avenue S.W.
Washington, DC 20585

SUBJECT: REVISION 6 OF THE OFFICE OF CIVILIAN RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT
QUALITY ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS AND DESCRIPTION DOCUMENT

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No response to this letter is required. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Belke of my staff on (702) 388-6125.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Bell, Acting Chief
Performance Assessment and High Level
Waste Integration Branch
Division of Waste Management
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