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Dear Mr. Holonich:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission provided an evaluation of the Department of Energy's December 14, 1990, responses to the 2 objections, 133 comments, and 63 questions in the Site Characterization Analysis (NUREG-1347) in an enclosure to a letter dated July 31, 1991. On the basis of the Department of Energy's December 1990 responses, the Commission closed 59 comments and questions and established the remaining 139 as open items.

During FY 1992, the Department provided documentation reporting additional information or actions taken toward resolving 24 open items. During FY 1993, the Department provided similar information on 17 more open items. During FY 1994, the Department provided information on 24 open items.

Our records show that for FY 1992, the Commission has concurred upon the proposed resolution for 1 open item, for 18 open items in FY 1993, and for 5 open items in FY 1994.

Enclosure 1 is a tabulation that reports only the number of open items that the Department has acted upon since December 1990, and the number of open items that the Commission has acted upon in the same time frame. Enclosure 2 is a U.S. Department of Energy and U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission correspondence log that reports the actions taken with respect to all site characterization analysis open items since the Department's initial December 1990 responses.

In combination, we think both compilations will be a helpful tool to aid the Commission in verifying their records. For the last three fiscal years, we have asked for a verification of this report. We would appreciate confirmation that the reported data is correct or if any discrepancies are present.

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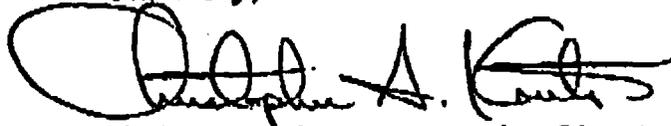
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If you have any questions, please contact Sheila Long at (202) 586-1447.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures:

1. Tabulation of Open Item Actions
2. Correspondence/Action Log

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TABULATION OF PROGRESS IN RESOLVING SCA OPEN ITEMS

DOE'S ACTION --- STILL OPEN

12/14/90	198
11/26/91	139
12/16/91	129
07/23/92	128
08/31/92	121
09/16/92	120
01/07/93	118
02/05/93	115
03/24/93	113
05/27/93	110
06/09/93	108
07/12/93	104
11/01/93	102
01/31/94	101
03/30/94	99
03/30/94	98
05/17/94	94
06/10/94	93
06/16/94	90
07/01/94	87

NRC's ACTION --- STILL OPEN

07/31/91	139
11/02/92	129
02/08/93	122
04/21/93	121
05/05/93	122
12/30/93	120
02/18/94	118
06/21/94	117
07/11/94	115
08/04/94	113

Enclosure 1

DOE/NRC CORRESPONDENCE LOG OF SCA OPEN ITEM ACTIONS

NRC and DOE actions taken since DOE responded to SCA on 12/14/90.

- 7/31/91 Ltr. Bernero to Bartlett
(NRC closes 59 comments and questions based on DOE's 12/14/90 responses)
- 12/16/91 Ltr. Roberts to Linehan
(DOE advocates closure of Q 1 in responses to NRC comments on Study Plan 8.3.1.17.4.6)
- 3/2/92 Ltr. Bernero to Bartlett
(NRC lifts Objection 2)
- 3/3/92 Ltr. Roberts to Linehan
(DOE advocates closure of Obj. 1, C 12, 16, 34, 35, 57, 72, 127, 128, 130, 132 and Q 28 & 61)
- 7/23/92 Ltr. Roberts to Holonich
(DOE advocates closure of C 42 and 43)
- 9/16/92 Ltr. Roberts to Holonich
(DOE advocates closure of Q 31)
- 8/31/92 Ltr. Roberts to Holonich
(DOE advocates closure of C 100, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112 & 113)
- 11/2/92 Ltr. Bernero to Bartlett
(NRC lifts Obj. 1, closes C 12, 16, 35, 57, 72, 127, 128 & 132 and Q 61)
- 1/7/93 Ltr. Roberts to Holonich
(DOE advocates closure of C 21 & 22)
- 2/8/93 Ltr. Holonich to Roberts
(NRC closes C 100, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112 & 113)
- 2/5/93 Ltr. Roberts to Holonich
(DOE advocates closure of C 53 and Q 14 & 15)
- 3/24/93 Ltr. Shelor to Holonich
(DOE advocates closure of Q 17 & 57)
- 4/13/93 Ltr. Shelor to Holonich
(DOE advocates closure of Q 25)
- 4/21/93 Ltr. Holonich to Shelor
(NRC agrees SCA Q 17 is resolved in Phase I review letter for Study Plan 8.3.1.2.4.3)

Enclosure 2

- 5/5/93 Ltr. Bernero to Barrett
(NRC disagrees with proposed 12/16/91 closure of Q 1)
- 5/27/93 Ltr. Shelor to Holonich
(DOE advocates closure of C 95, 105 & 115)
- 6/9/93 Ltr. Shelor to Holonich
(DOE advocates closure of C 47 and Q 12)
- 7/12/93 Ltr. Shelor to Holonich
(DOE advocates closure of C 3, 7, 45, and Q 38)
- 11/1/93 Ltr. Shelor to Holonich
(DOE advocates closure of C 75 and Q 1)
- 12/23/93 Ltr. Shelor to Holonich
(NRC advocates closure of C 99, 102, and 103)
- 12/30/93 Ltr. Reamer to Shelor
(NRC agrees that C 75 and Q 1 are resolved)
- 1/31/94 Ltr. Shelor to Hooks
(DOE advocates closure of Q 58)
- 2/18/94 Ltr. Holonich to Shelor
(NRC agrees that Q 14 and Q 15 are resolved, but that C 53 remains open in a review letter on Study Plan 8.3.1.9.2.1)
- 3/30/94 Ltr. Shelor to Holonich
(DOE advocates closure of C 122 and Q 22)
- 3/30/94 Ltr. Shelor to Holonich
(DOE advocates closure of C 80)
- 5/17/94 Ltr. Shelor to Holonich
(DOE advocates closure of C 5, Q 3, Q 46 and Q 56)
- 6/10/94 Ltr. Shelor to Holonich
(DOE advocates closure of Q 47)
- 6/16/94 Ltr. Shelor to Holonich
(DOE advocates closure of C 36, Q 5 and Q 20)
- 6/21/94 Ltr. Holonich to Shelor
(NRC unilaterally closes C 123)
- 7/1/94 Ltr. Shelor to Holonich
(DOE advocates closure of Q 35, Q 45, and Q 51)
- 7/11/94 Ltr. Holonich to Shelor
(NRC agrees that SCA Q 5 and Q 46 are resolved but that C 80 and Q 47 remain open)

8/4/94 Ltr. Holonich to Shelor
(NRC disagrees that SCA C 99, 102, and 103 are resolved;
comments remain open)

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FACSIMILE MEMORANDUM

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