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SUBJECT:

REVIEW OF STUDY PLAN 8.3.1.2.2.4, REVISION 1, CHARACTERIZATION OF THE YUCCA MOUNTAIN UNSATURATED ZONE IN THE EXPLORATORY STUDIES

**FACILITY** 

We have completed our review of Study Plan 8.3.1.2.2.4, Revision 1, Characterization of the Yucca Mountain Unsaturated Zone in the Exploratory Studies Facility. It should be noted this revision contains only half of the planned activities. The review was conducted using the Draft Review Plan for NRC Staff Review of DOE Study Plans, Revision 2, dated February 1, 1993. This review did not identify any objections with respect to the activities submitted.

The DOE did not propose to close any NRC open items in this Study Plan. Furthermore, we have no detailed technical comments, because the present study plan revision is incomplete in its description of activities. Ten activities were to be described by this study plan. However, two have been deleted and four will be presented in a subsequent revision. Therefore, since the study plan describes only half of the planned activities and because the development of some of these activities are heavily dependent on ongoing prototype testing, we will not develop comments or questions at this time.

This review was completed by William Ford and John Bradbury.

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