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Mr. Ralph Stein, Associate Director
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Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Mr. Stein:

SUBJECT: MAY 23, 1990 QUALITY ASSURANCE MEETING

The purpose of this letter is to transmit the enclosed minutes of the May 23, 1990 quality assurance (QA) meeting. The participants were: the staff of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), the State of Nevada (NV), and Nye County, NV.

At this meeting, DOE stated that due to recent events the planned qualification audits of the Office of Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM) headquarters and the Yucca Mountain Project Office (YMPO) would be postponed. The audits were delayed until DOE completes a series of management improvements and fully implements a planned reorganization. In a letter dated July 26, 1990, DOE stated that a combined OCRWM headquarters/YMPO audit would take place in October 1990.

Some progress was reported by DOE on the question of OCRWM qualification of the QA programs of the high-level waste glass producers in the DOE Office of Environmental Restoration and Waste Management (EM). Some preliminary schedules for submittal of QA Program Documents and for OCRWM audits of EM were provided to the NRC. Progress was also noted on the DOE effort to publish a Federal Register notice describing the new records system designed to resolve the Privacy Act issue of accessibility of training qualification records to non-DOE participants in audits and surveillances. It appears that the only remaining

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approvals for the notice are at the highest levels of DOE management. The NRC staff hopes that DOE will be able to announce that the notice has been published at the September 1990, QA meeting.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or the enclosed meeting minutes, please contact Mark Delligatti of my staff at 301/FTS 492-0430.

Sincerely,

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