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Mr. John P. Roberts, Acting Associate Director
for Systems and Compliance
Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management
U.S. Department of Energy, RW 30
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Mr. Roberts:

SUBJECT: REGULATORY STRATEGY MEETING SUMMARY

Enclosed is the meeting summary for the November 20, 1991 Regulatory Strategy meeting of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff and representatives of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). The meeting was also attended by representatives of the State of Nevada, Clark County, Nevada, and Edison Electric Institute. The main topic of discussion at the meeting was DOE's annotated outline initiative. The NRC staff believes that the annotated outline initiative represents a positive step in the process of enhancing communication and resolving issues related to the licensing of the high-level waste repository and the monitored retrievable storage (MRS) facility.

The NRC staff looks forward to receiving the first version of the annotated outlines later this month. The staff is particularly interested in further discussions with DOE regarding the way iterative performance assessment is addressed in, and integrated into, the high-level waste repository annotated outline. The staff is also interested in further information on the way that the annotated outline process will be integrated into existing issue resolution processes.

Another area discussed at the meeting was the status of several NRC regulatory activities, including the status of the NRC staff's development of amendments to 10 CFR Part 60 to conform it with the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) 40 CFR Part 191 (the EPA's high-level waste environmental standards). The NRC staff noted that there will be no activity in this area until EPA issues its revisions to 40 CFR Part 191. However, pursuant to a request from DOE, I am enclosing recent correspondence between the NRC staff and EPA regarding Working Draft Number 2 of the EPA's high-level waste environmental standards.

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For further discussions on the repository annotated outline, please contact Mark Delligatti of my staff at FTS/(301) 492-0430. For further discussions on the MRS annotated outline, please contact Frederick C. Sturz at FTS/(301) 492-0384.

Sincerely,

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for

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Enclosures:

1. Regulatory Strategy Meeting Summary
2. Bernero/Oge Letter dated December 3, 1991.

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