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Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management  
U.S. Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Ave, SW  
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Dear Mr. Shelor:

**SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON NUCLEAR WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT & OPERATING CONTRACTOR QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

On January 7, 1993, the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM) transmitted (by letter from J. Roberts to J. Holonich) responses to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff's comments on Revision 2 of the "NWMS M&O Quality Assurance Program Description" (QAPD). In addition, the letter transmitted the QAPD, Revision 3, for information.

As stated in the October 21, 1992, letter from J. Holonich to J. Roberts, the NRC noted that the NRC staff's concerns regarding Revision 2 of the QAPD would be resolved provided Revision 3 of the Management and Operating Contractor's (M&O) QAPD included the changes proposed by the DOE to meet the requirements of the OCRWM Quality Assurance Requirements Document. Based on the information in the January 7, 1993, letter, the NRC staff believes that all concerns raised with regard to QAPD Revision 2 have been resolved. Revision 3 of the QAPD was not reviewed in detail since it will soon become superseded.

Future revisions to the M&O QAPD will be reviewed by the NRC staff to assure that the commitments previously accepted by the NRC staff are not lessened. If you have any questions please contact Ken Hooks of my staff at 301-504-2447.

Sincerely,

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