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Washington, D.C. 20585

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Dear Mr. Stein:

SUBJECT: JULY 27, 1990 PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT TECHNICAL EXCHANGE

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The NRC staff found this interaction to be beneficial in that it signified the beginning of what should become a regular series of PA interactions. This technical exchange is particularly important because it sets the stage for the next one in which DOE has promised to discuss the NRC staff recommendations on PA from the Site Characterization Analysis (SCA). That technical exchange has been tentatively scheduled for October 30-31, 1990. I was pleased by the excellent quality of the interchange, not only between the NRC staff and DOE, but also by the representatives of our respective laboratories and contractors. I look forward to future interchanges of similar quality in which the NRC staff and DOE can continue to benefit from each other's work and experience in the development of PA programs.

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

Sincerely,
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