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 Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management  
 U.S. Department of Energy  
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SUBJECT: MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 7, 1994, TECHNICAL MEETING/ VIDEO-  
 CONFERENCE ON NRC COMMENTS ON TWO DOE TOPICAL REPORTS AND THE  
 TOPICAL REPORT REVIEW PROCESS

Dear Mr. Milner:

Enclosed are the minutes of the October 7, 1994, technical meeting/video conference on the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission comments on two U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Topical Reports ("Extreme Erosion and Seismic Hazard Assessment Methodology") and a discussion of the Topical Report review process. The meeting was held jointly at two DOE facilities - the Forrestal Building in Washington, D.C., and the Bank of America Building in Las Vegas, Nevada. The meeting attendees included representatives from DOE; NRC; NRC's technical assistance contractor the Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses (CNWRA); DOE's Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM), Management and Operating Contractor (M&O); U.S. Geological Survey; State of Nevada; Nevada Nuclear Waste Task Force; Clark and Nye Counties, Nevada; and the Radioactive Exchange Publication.

The NRC staff summarized their comments on the DOE's topical reports dealing with Extreme Erosion and Seismic Hazard Assessment Methodology and answered detailed questions by DOE and its contractors on what information NRC considered necessary to resolve the NRC's concerns. This was followed by a general discussion of the Topical Report review process and the importance of the scoping review in reaching agreement on the scope and content of a topical report before significant resources are expended by DOE on its preparation. Both DOE headquarters and project staff stated that the meeting was useful to DOE in understanding both the NRC's concerns with the specific topical reports and the Topical Report review process.

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