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Dear Mr. Linehan:

The DOE recently held a technical exchange with the NRC on September 29 and 30, 1988, covering the status of the Defense Waste Processing Facility (DWPF) and several Waste Acceptance Process (WAP) documents. As part of our waste acceptance process, certain waste acceptance process documents will be submitted to the NRC for review and comment. The following documents were previously submitted (DOE letter Stein to Linehan, September 2, 1988) as meeting materials:

- 1) Draft Waste Acceptance Preliminary Specifications for the Defense Waste Processing Facility High Level Waste Form Production, (WAPS, Rev. 1); and
- 2) DWPF's Waste Form Compliance Plan (WCP).

As was agreed to at the September technical information exchange, DOE is hereby requesting the NRC to review and comment on the documents listed above. Your staff has reviewed previous versions of the DWPF WAPS, one in July 1986 and again in December 1986 when it was issued as OGR/B-8. The WAPS, Rev. 1 has removed formerly reserved items from Specifications 1.2 and 1.3. However, this is the first opportunity for your staff to comment on the WCP. Your comments would be appreciated by November 14, 1988.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Edward Regnier of my staff on 586-4590.

Sincerely,

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