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Dear Mr. Linehan:

Reference:

- 1) Letter from R. Browning (NRC) to R. Stein (DOE); dated October 14, 1988; re: Transmittal of Summary of the September 29-30, 1988 Technical Exchange Meeting on the Waste Acceptance Process for the Defense Waste Processing Facility
- 2) Letter from J. Linehan (NRC) to R. Stein (DOE); dated December 5, 1988; re: Various items related to Waste Acceptance Process interactions.

This letter is in response to your letters of October 14, 1988 and December 5, 1988, (Reference 1 and 2), in which you address several topics related to the Waste Acceptance Process (WAP).

As a result of our September 1988 meeting on Waste Acceptance Process, NRC identified that they needed an integrated schedule and milestones for WAP related activities for the Defense Waste Processing facility (DWPF) and the West Valley Demonstration Project (WVDP).

We agree with the need for such a schedule and are working toward its development for the purposes of discussion. DOE believes that to move forward in our consultations on the Waste Acceptance Process, we first need to discuss an integrated schedule for WAP-related activities in the context of the repository development schedule. You can expect us to contact you in February, 1989 to arrange a meeting to discuss a draft schedule.

Questions regarding this correspondence should be directed to myself at 586-1462.

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