



Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585
JUL 25 1991

Mr. John J. Linehan, Acting Director
Repository Licensing and Quality
Assurance Project Directorate
Division of High-Level Waste Management
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Linehan:

During the week of June 17, 1991, representatives of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff observed a north access design studies review for the Exploratory Studies Facility (ESF). Per my June 7, 1991, letter regarding our plans for conducting Title I design reviews, we were anticipating that a second review, covering the south access and related areas, would take place in August or September. We are now completing arrangements for that review.

The second review will commence on August 12, 1991, and is expected to continue for about one week. Initially, all observers and designated reviewers will meet for an introductory session beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) training room number 10, at 101 Convention Center Drive, Las Vegas, NV.

The NRC observation of the June review was beneficial and we would like to take this opportunity to invite you to observe the upcoming review.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Priscilla Bunton at 202-586-8365.

Sincerely,

Dwight E. Shelor
Associate Director for
Systems and Compliance
Office of Civilian Radioactive
Waste Management

102.8
WM-11 1/0
NH03

cc:

R. Loux, State of Nevada
M. Baughman, Lincoln County, NV
D. Bechtel, Clark County, NV
S. Bradhurst, Nye County, NV
P. Niedzielski-Eichner, Nye County, NV
R. Campbell, Inyo County, CA
R. Michener, Inyo County, CA
G. Derby, Lander County, NV
P. Goicoechea, Eureka County, NV
C. Schank, Churchill County, NV
C. Jackson, Mineral County, NV
K. Wipple, Lincoln County, NV
F. Sperry, White Pine County, NV
J. Bingham, Clark County, NV
L. Vaughan, Esmeralda County, NV
B. Raper, Nye County, NV