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U.S. Department of Energy
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SUBJECT: ALLEGED HARASSMENT AND INTIMIDATION

Dear Dr. Dreyfus:

This letter will advise you that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is changing its process for referring harassment and intimidation (H&I) allegations to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). Henceforth, as discussed below, we will provide H&I allegations received from DOE or DOE contractor employees to the DOE Inspector General.

Our letter of April 10, 1995, on this subject indicated NRC had received several allegations regarding H&I of DOE contractor employees working on the high-level waste (HLW) repository program at Yucca Mountain. The letter further stated that the DOE Director, Office of Quality Assurance, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM), would be the DOE point of contact for future interactions regarding the H&I allegations.

However, a September 1995 Audit Report by NRC's Office of the Inspector General, in addressing NRC's process for handling allegations regarding the HLW repository program, recommended that NRC revise its practice of referring H&I allegations to OCRWM. Specifically, the Audit Report recommended that NRC improve its process by revising its practice to ensure that an independent DOE organization investigates such allegations. NRC agrees with the recommendation and has discussed this revision with your staff.

Accordingly, we are changing the approach described in our April 10 letter consistent with the Audit Report's recommendation, and we will forward, to the DOE Inspector General (for appropriate action), future H&I allegations received from DOE or DOE contractor employees working on the HLW repository program at Yucca Mountain. Further, we will consult periodically with the DOE Inspector General in the future on the status of specific allegations.

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Sincerely,



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