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Mr. Ralph Stein, Associate Director
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U.S. Department of Energy, RW-30
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Mr. Stein:

SUBJECT: MARCH 21, 1990 QUALITY ASSURANCE MEETING

The purpose of this letter is to transmit the enclosed minutes of the March 21, 1990 quality assurance (QA) meeting. The participants were: the staff of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), and the State of Nevada.

The NRC staff discussed the need for resolution of the continuing disagreement between it and DOE over the meaning of the DOE Project Decision Schedule milestone of NRC acceptance of the DOE QA program. The NRC staff had assumed that this issue was settled during the February 1990 QA meeting with an agreement that the September date referred to acceptance of the DOE program participants' QA programs for further implementation. This was distinguished from removal of the NRC staff's QA objection in the Site Characterization Analysis (SCA). The NRC reiterated its position and discussed in detail the five steps necessary to resolve the SCA QA objection.

Another topic of interest at this meeting was the DOE presentation on the qualification of existing data and the Q List. While progress is clearly being made by DOE in this area, requests have been made by the NRC staff for further information related to what data needs to be qualified and the need for standard techniques for characterization of the unsaturated zone. Progress has also been made in resolving the Privacy Act issue. DOE System 2, a current DOE record keeping system, will be used until the new record keeping system which will resolve the Privacy Act issue of availability of training and qualification data is in place.

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