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Dr. Carl J. Paperiello, Director  
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Dear Dr. Paperiello:

Thank you for your letter of October 26, 1995 and for the opportunity to discuss specific issues with your staff on November 2, 1995. As a result of these interactions, the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM) agrees with your conclusion that additional action is required to close Quality Concern No. 95-001. In addition, OCRWM agrees that specific enhancements to the OCRWM Concerns Program are appropriate based on a discussion of the issues with your staff. The following actions will be implemented to address the issues and concerns raised by your staff:

- The review and analysis of Quality Concern 95-001 will be reopened to address the outstanding harassment and intimidation issues. Upon completion of this analysis, an amended report will be submitted to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission reporting the results and overall conclusions.
- In the future, sufficient documentation will be maintained by OCRWM in each concern file to support the conclusions reached as a result of the review/analysis of the concern. The concern files will continue to be available for Commission review by an on-site representative. In addition, copies of specific documentation will be provided to the Commission upon request.
- Enhancements and clarification will be incorporated in the OCRWM concerns procedure on the process and specific personnel responsibilities for reviewing potential issues dealing with alleged harassment and intimidation actions. A copy of the approved procedure will be provided to the Commission upon completion.

OCRWM will work with the Department of Energy Inspector General in reviewing their procedures, processes and methods of conducting investigations for potential enhancements to the OCRWM Concerns Program and personnel performing reviews.

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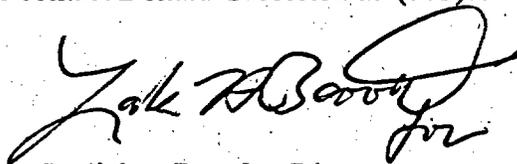
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We believe implementation of the proposed actions will strengthen our overall program and provide assurance to the Commission of our ability to conduct harassment and intimidation reviews. We appreciate the efforts of your staff in identifying and discussing the issues and concerns. If you have any questions, please contact Donald G. Horton at (702)794-7675.



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