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Dear Dr. Daemen:

Enclosed is a copy of the NRC's Ford Study which you requested at the NAS Colloquium on Quality Assurance for Underground Repositories on August 23, 1988. This study, performed by the NRC at the request of Congress, examined the underlying causes of major quality-related problems in nuclear power plant projects in the late 1970's and early 1980's. A number of these causes potentially exist in the repository program. One of our goals has been to transfer power reactor lessons learned to the repository program in order to help the program succeed.

Although the report is lengthy, many of the salient points for the repository program can be found in Chapters 1 and 2, through page 2-12. Chapter 3 contains case studies of both successful and unsuccessful projects and is also of interest, particularly the sections addressing the relationship between QA and project management.

If you would like additional copies of the report or have any questions, please call me at 301-492-3402.

Sincerely,

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