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Mr. Richard E. Sanderson, Director
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Mr. Sanderson:

Enclosed are the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) responses (Enclosure 1) to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) comments on the Site Characterization Plan (SCP) for Yucca Mountain, Nevada, transmitted from the EPA by letter, dated May 30, 1989.

The comment package was divided into 12 comments, which are identified in Enclosure 2. Further explanation of how the comments and responses are presented can be found in the forward to Enclosure 1.

The DOE appreciates the EPA's comments and the opportunity to further explain those aspects of the SCP commented upon. Responses identify any actions that are planned, or that have already been taken, to address the comments. The five Study Plans referenced in the responses will be transmitted to you under separate cover.

If you have any further questions, please contact Linda Desell of my staff at (202) 586-1462.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: *see enclosure on shelf*

1. DOE responses to EPA SCP comments.
2. Individual comments identified in May 30, 1989 letter.

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