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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
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Dear Mr. Linehan:

A letter was transmitted to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) on January 22, 1991, notifying NRC of the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) acceptance of the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM) Quality Assurance (QA) Programs for the Technical and Management Support Services (T&MSS) and Los Alamos National Laboratories (LANL). In this letter, DOE requested NRC's acceptance of these QA programs, consistent with DOE/NRC agreements regarding OCRWM program participant QA program acceptance. It was further stated in the letter that "[i]t is the position of DOE that T&MSS and LANL QA programs are acceptable to initiate activities supporting new site characterization associated with Midway Valley Trenching and Calcite-Silica activities." While it is correct to state this position for DOE regarding T&MSS, DOE's position with respect to LANL's QA program is that it is acceptable to support the initiation of all site characterization activities.

DOE hopes that this additional clarification clears up any confusion regarding DOE's acceptance of LANL's QA program.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosure, please contact Linda Desell of my staff at FTS 896-1462.

Sincerely,

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