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Mr. Dwight E. Shelor, Associate Director  
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Dear Mr. Shelor:

SUBJECT: DRAFT STAFF TECHNICAL POSITIONS

This letter responds to your letter of November 1, 1993, inquiring as to the status of various draft and final Staff Technical Positions (STPs) issued by the Division of High-Level Waste Management (HLWM). Your letter enclosed a listing of NRC staff STPs issued within the last ten years. We have reviewed the listing and confirm it identifies all staff STPs issued since January 1, 1983.

Your letter also inquired about the status of five draft STPs, listed below, that were never finalized and formally adopted by the staff as official guidance.

	<i>Title</i>	<i>Date</i>
1.	Licensing Assessment Methodology for HLW Geologic Repositories (Draft)	July 1984
2.	ISTP for Nevada Nuclear Waste Storage Investigations (NNWSI) (Draft)	September 1984
3.	Interpretation and Identification of the Disturbed Zone (Draft)	July 1986
4.	Groundwater Travel Time (Draft)	July 1986
5.	Guidance for Determination of Anticipated Processes and Events and Unanticipated Processes and Events (Draft)	February 1988

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If you have any further questions regarding this subject, you may contact Anne Garcia of my staff at (301) 504-2438.

Sincerely,

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