

STUDY PLAN OMISSIONS

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Mr. Ralph Stein, Associate Director
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 Washington, D.C. 20545

Dear Mr. Stein:

On February 9, 1989 DOE transmitted five study plans related to construction-phase testing in the exploratory shaft facility (ESF) to the NRC. As discussed in our letter to DOE dated March 1, 1989 we have not started our official review of those study plans and are considering them for information purposes only at this time. However, we have noted that in the study plan Characterization of Structural Features, no material is provided concerning Activity 8.3.1.4.2.2.3, Borehole Evaluation of Fractures and Faults, or Activity 8.3.1.4.2.2.5, Seismic Tomography and Vertical Seismic Profiling. Based upon our review of the SCP to date, it appears that the NRC staff will need the material describing these activities to conduct its review of that study plan. For this reason I am requesting that DOE provide the missing material to us in a timely manner so that the NRC staff will not be delayed in conducting an orderly and systematic review of the study plan.

If you have any questions concerning this request, please contact King Stablein (301-492-3857) of my staff.

Sincerely,

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