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Dear Mr. Youngblood: ,

During the Department of Energy (DOE)/Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) meeting on the exploratory shaft facility on July 18-19, 1988, DOE committed to provide NRC with an updated draft of a report prepared by Sandia National Laboratory (SAND 85-0598) "Analyses to Evaluate the Effect of the Exploratory Shafts on Repository Performance at Yucca Mountain". Enclosed is a copy of the draft report.

As we discussed by phone recently, I would appreciate any comments you may have as to the suitability of this document to supplement and support the ESF Title I design information.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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