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Mitchell P. Kunich, Acting Director
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Dear Mr. Kunich:

REFERENCE 1: Attachment No. 7 to the "Summary of Meeting on Proposed Changes to the NNWSI ESF, April 14-15, 1987", Status of Open Items - April 15, 1987.

REFERENCE 2: Letter dated June 17, 1987 from Kunich (DOE) to Linehan (NRC).

REFERENCE 3: Letter dated July 20, 1987 from Kunich (DOE) to Linehan (NRC)

During the DOE/NRC meeting at Las Vegas, NV on April 14-15, 1987, the DOE made a presentation on the status of NNWSI ESF open items (Reference 1). Dr. Dinesh Gupta and Mr. John Peshel of NRC's Technical Review Branch have reviewed Reference 1 and have enclosed an evaluation. Our evaluation indicates that open items nos. 5 and 11 from the August 27-28, 1985, NRC/NNWSI Project meeting summary are now closed based on the information provided by the DOE since our letter of October 31, 1986 to the NNWSI Project. However, we cannot agree at this time that the DOE has provided adequate bases to close out open items nos. 10 and 18 from the August 27-28, 1985 meeting summary.

Since the April 14-15, 1987 meeting, the NRC staff has received two letters providing information (References 2 and 3) related to closing out open items 5, 6, 16 and 18 from the August 27-28, 1985 meeting and open item 1(a) from the 1983 letter. We will be evaluating this information and providing DOE with the results by September 11, 1987.

If you have any questions on the enclosed comments, please contact Dr. Dinesh Gupta at 427-4742 or Mr. King Stablein at 427-4796.

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Sincerely,

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