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Mr. Gary L. Dixon  
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Dear Mr. Dixon:

I have enclosed a copy of the final draft report, "An Appraisal of Nuclear Waste Isolation in the Vadose Zone in Arid and Semi-Arid Regions." The report was prepared by Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory (LBL) under an interagency agreement and is a revision of an earlier draft that I sent you on June 7. To meet the NRC schedule for providing comment to LBL, I would need any comments that you might have by <sup>July</sup> June 16.

If you have any questions please call me at FTS 427-4675.

Sincerely,

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