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Mr. Ralph Stein, Associate Director
for Systems Integration and Regulations
Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management
U.S. Department of Energy, RW-24
Washington, D.C. 20545

Dear Mr. Stein:

By letter dated August 8, 1989, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) informed the staff of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) that it would be submitting its comments on the NRC's draft technical position (TP) on tectonic models no later than September 29, 1989. Although the staff will be able to accept your comments at that time, it would be helpful to us if DOE could provide its comments sooner. As you know, there is a technical exchange scheduled for September 26, 1989 that will focus on tectonics. At this technical exchange, the staff believes that the DOE comments on the TP should be discussed. Therefore, the staff is requesting that DOE reevaluate its schedule to determine if its comments can be provided by September 21, 1989 to support a discussion at the September 26, 1989 technical exchange. I believe such a discussion would be mutually beneficial.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Ken Kalman, the NRC project manager for this TP. Mr. Kalman can be reached at FTS 492-0428 or (301) 492-0428.

Sincerely,

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