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Dear Mr. Stein:

In September 1988, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff initiated an activity to develop further and maintain a capability by the NRC staff and its contractors to execute independent analyses of the performance of a high-level waste repository. This performance assessment activity was initiated so that the NRC staff will be able: (1) to analyze independently aspects of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) licensing submittals to evaluate their accuracy and (2) to direct NRC staff evaluations of the DOE program and licensing submittals based on the insights gained from hands-on experience with performance assessment. As discussed in the draft modeling strategy document for the NRC high-level waste program, the sophistication of the NRC quantitative reviews could range from simple scoping calculations to very detailed computations of specific aspects of the case for licensing. The independence of the NRC quantitative reviews could range from using DOE codes with DOE data sets to using NRC codes with NRC data sets, with all other possible permutations, including the use of third-party codes.

To assist us in developing this capability we request that you make available to the NRC, on as timely a basis as practicable, several computer codes and the documentation for them. The primary purpose is so that the NRC staff can become more cognizant of various codes and their general capability. We do not intend to review the applicability of these codes for conducting licensing calculations at this time. Such reviews, if any, depend on DOE submittals to the NRC as part of their licensing documentation.

The codes in question are:

(codes listed in Table 8.3.5.19-2 of the DOE's Site Characterization Plan and denoted as being available)

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AIRDOS-EPA  
ARRAY F  
COYOTE  
DACRIN  
EQ3/EQ6  
FEMTRAN  
HDOC

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MODFE  
NORIA  
PABLM  
PHR81  
SAGUARO  
TRACR3D  
TRUMP  
TRUST  
WAPPA

and the following codes described before the NRC Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste and the DOE's Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board:

AREST  
PANDORA  
TOSPAC

Because the current focus of the NRC staff efforts is on what is believed to be the most important features of modeling the performance of a waste repository, that is, the isolation ability of the engineered barriers and transport of radionuclides in the geosphere, we are especially interested in obtaining codes modeling these aspects of the repository. Therefore, we are especially interested in obtaining on a priority basis, in the near future, the following subset of codes and their documentation from the above list:

EQ3/EQ6  
HDOC  
MODFE  
NORIA  
PANDORA  
TOSPAC  
TRACR3D  
TRUMP  
WAPPA

and

AREST.

We would like to receive the above priority codes within the next 90 days. We would appreciate receiving the other codes as soon as practicable.

We understand that these codes and their documentation may have different states of development. Therefore, to promote progress, we request that these codes and their documentation be transmitted to the NRC as soon as each code package is available, rather than waiting for the information for every code to be available. Also, to promote early progress, we would be interested in receiving code packages, even if the documentation is not available in final form.

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We have discussed the forwarding of information on these codes with D. Alexander, DOE-RW, D. Langstaaf, DOE-RL, and A. Van Luik, PNL. If you have questions regarding this request or the mechanics of transferring computer media, please contact: S. Coplan (492-0410), or N. Eisenberg (492-0324), if he is unavailable.

Sincerely,

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