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Dear Mr. Youngblood:

Enclosed is a copy of the NNWSI/88-9 Quality Assurance Plan, Revision 2. The document was revised to address the six open items listed in the NRC's Safety Evaluation of October 14, 1988, and also includes changes made for clarity and improvement of the QA program. These changes were discussed with your staff in a meeting on November 18, 1988, and two subsequent conference calls. We believe that the changes made to the NNWSI/88-9 QA plan increase the overall effectiveness of the program by providing the flexibility appropriate to implement a successful Quality Assurance program, that is acceptable to the NRC. Accordingly, OCRWM intends to instruct Yucca Mountain Project Office and program participants to implement the requirements of this document in the conduct of their activities, effective immediately.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call Gordon Appel on 586-1462 or Lake Barrett on 586-5851.

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Enclosure

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