

October 7, 1988

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

Dear Mr. Stein:

The following are the three open items from the NRC-DOE Exploratory Shaft Facility (ESF) Meeting of July 18-19, 1988 that should be included in the list of open items to be discussed in the NRC-DOE ESF Open Items Meeting scheduled for the week of October 17, 1988 in Washington, D.C.:

1. DOE should demonstrate that the ESF design process has provided for systematic review and consideration of 10 CFR Part 60 requirements in the development of the ESF design and for verification that those requirements have in fact been incorporated into the design.
2. DOE should identify the specific entity responsible for ensuring that 10 CFR Part 60 requirements are reviewed and considered in the development of the ESF design and then for verifying that those requirements have in fact been incorporated into the design.
3. DOE should describe its design control process to assure that items and activities potentially important to safety or waste isolation for the design and construction of the exploratory shaft facility are identified as Quality Level I. The description should include both criteria and methods to be used. It should also address plans for determining what previous data and analyses are needed to support Quality Level I items or activities and how DOE plans to validate these.

Sincerely,

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