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Dear Mr. Linehan:

Per your request, OCRWM is forwarding to you the enclosed proposed Quality Assurance Plan NNWSI/88-9, Revision 2 for your information (only those sections which contain the proposed changes are included in the enclosure). This enclosure represents the same material that was provided to your staff and the State of Nevada on November 15 and presented at our meeting on November 18, 1988. As you know, the document was revised to address the six open items listed in your Safety Evaluation of October 14, 1988, and also includes proposed changes for clarity and improving the QA program. We believe that 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.

We request that the review of this plan receive high priority, as DOE is finalizing and implementing the QA program so that future activities and schedules in the repository program are not jeopardized. We would appreciate hearing from your staff, as soon as possible, of any concerns that they may have. As was discussed at the November 18, 1988 meeting, we plan to finalize NNWSI/88-9, Revision 2 by December 6, 1988, and a meeting has tentatively been planned on December 1, 1988 to discuss any concerns. If you have any further questions concerning this matter, please call Linda Desell on 586-1464 or Jay Jones on 586-1224.

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Enclosure

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