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Mr. Darin Bradford
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Rexburg, Idaho 83440

Dear Mr. Bradford:

This letter is in response to your request to our Region V office for information concerning the high-level waste repository at Hanford, Washington and the role of the NRC in such a repository. In accordance with the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, the President of the United States selected three sites, located at Yucca Mountain, Nevada; Hanford, Washington; and Deaf Smith County, Texas, for site characterization as potential repository sites. On December 22, 1987, however, this act was amended to require DOE to terminate all site-specific activities (other than reclamation activities) at all sites, other than Yucca Mountain. Therefore, the Hanford site is no longer a candidate for a high-level waste repository. Accordingly, no further site characterization activities will be conducted at Hanford and, as a result, the information necessary to answer your specific questions is no longer being developed.

With regard to your question on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's role in the disposal of high-level radioactive waste, I am providing two documents which explain the NRC's role and responsibilities.

Sincerely,

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Division of High-Level Waste Management
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards

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FROM: B. J. Young, Chief
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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO REGION V OFFICE FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING
THE HIGH-LEVEL WASTE REPOSITORY AT HANFORD, WASHINGTON
AND THE ROLE OF THE NRC IN SUCH A REPOSITORY

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