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

Dear Mr. Stein:

On August 11, 1989, the U. S. Department of Energy (DOE) forwarded Revision 4 of the Holmes & Narver Yucca Mountain Project Quality Assurance Program Plan (H&N QAPP) for U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff review and acceptance.

The NRC staff's evaluation is contained in the enclosed Safety Evaluation (SE). As noted in the conclusion of the SE, the NRC staff finds that the H&N QAPP, Revision 4, meets the applicable criteria of Subpart G to 10 CFR Part 60 and Appendix B to 10 CFR Part 50, and the plan is fully acceptable.

Changes may be made to the H&N QAPP if these changes do not downgrade DOE commitments previously accepted by NRC. Changes that downgrade the program commitments should be submitted to NRC.

A copy of this letter and SE should be included with each controlled copy of the H&N QAPP, Revision 4. One copy should be resubmitted to NRC. Should you have any questions, please contact Mark Delligatti of my staff on (301) 492-0430.

Sincerely,

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