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Mr. Ralph Stein, Associate Director  
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Washington, D.C. 20545

Dear Mr. Stein:

SUBJECT: MINUTES FROM THE JULY 11, 1989 BI-MONTHLY QUALITY ASSURANCE MEETING

The purpose of this letter is to transmit to you the minutes from the July 11, 1989 bi-monthly quality assurance (QA) meeting. The minutes were jointly prepared by members of the staff of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and include a brief written statement from the State of Nevada.

The discussions were on the status of items of mutual interest on QA. The major items discussed included: 1) a summary of the surveillances performed by the Yucca Mountain Project Office; 2) a presentation of observations from the audit of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory; and 3) a summary of the status of QA open items from the July 7, 1988 NRC/DOE meeting. At the close of the meeting, the meeting participants indicated that in the future there should be meetings that are better focused on specific QA issues needing resolution. It was agreed that the open items list from the July 7, 1988 QA meeting between NRC and DOE could be used as a source for specific items for discussion in future meetings.

It is my understanding, however, that the agenda for the September 7, 1989 bi-monthly meeting has been established and that the topics for discussion deal mostly with DOE providing status reports of different activities. In order for the staff and DOE to have a meaningful dialogue on issues involving QA, the DOE staff must be prepared to discuss the substantive issues related to the program and not just report status. The NRC QA Project Manager is prepared to work closely with the responsible DOE staff member to make use of the open items list, as appropriate, to plan future meetings that are focused on specific issues.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Brian E. Thomas of my staff on (301) 492-0435.

Sincerely,

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