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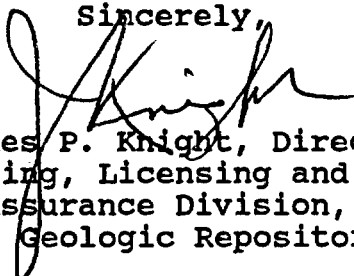
Dear Mr. Kennedy:

The Department of Energy (DOE) has reviewed the September 30, 1987 draft of the Generic Technical Position (GTP) on Items and Activities in the High-Level Waste Geologic Repository Program Subject to Quality Assurance Requirements and is preparing comments on it. It is more important to DOE that the guidance we receive is useful, accurate, and clear than that is available to us by a specific date. This preference is accented by the recent program schedule extensions. Thus, we are endeavoring to make our review as thorough as possible and our comments carefully considered and clearly presented.

Because of this, and the number of our concerns, we have been unable to complete the preparation of our comments by the November 5, 1987 date which you requested. We anticipate that we will submit our comments by November 20, 1987 and hope that this will not be a major inconvenience.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Edward Regnier at 586-4959.

Sincerely,


James P. Knight, Director
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