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Mr. John J. Linehan
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Linehan:

This letter is to notify the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) that a team from the Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Project Office (YMPO) will conduct a Quality Assurance (QA) audit (Audit Number YMP 91-01) of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) QA Program Plan and quality-related activities during the period of June 3-7, 1991.

Current plans call for the audit team to hold an entrance meeting on June 3, 1991, beginning at 1 p.m. Arrangements are being made for the appropriate LLNL personnel to attend the preaudit conference. The postaudit conference is tentatively scheduled for 11 a.m., on June 7, 1991.

The audit will be limited to a review of activities as shown in the enclosed Audit Plan.

Observers from the State of Nevada, Clark County (Nevada), Nye County (Nevada), the NRC, or other interested parties may accompany the audit team.

Should you have any questions, please contact Sharon Skuchko of my office at (202) 586-4590.

Sincerely,

Linda J. Desell, Acting Chief
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Enclosure:

Quality Assurance Audit Plan for the Yucca Mountain Site
Characterization Project Office Audit of Lawrence Livermore
National Laboratory, Audit Number YMP 91-01, June 3 through 7,
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QUALITY ASSURANCE AUDIT PLAN FOR
THE YUCCA MOUNTAIN SITE CHARACTERIZATION PROJECT OFFICE AUDIT OF
LAWRENCE LIVERMORE NATIONAL LABORATORY

AUDIT NUMBER YMP 91-01

JUNE 3 THROUGH 7, 1991

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1.0 SCOPE

The scope of this audit is to evaluate the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) Quality Assurance (QA) Program to determine whether it meets requirements and commitments imposed by the Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Project Office (YMPO). This will be accomplished by verifying implementation and effectiveness of the program in place, as well as verifying compliance with requirements.

Discrepancies identified during previous YMPO audits and surveillances of LLNL that have not been closed, will be added to the scope of this audit to determine whether LLNL has taken effective corrective actions in those program areas.

The programmatic and technical elements to be audited, as well as the programmatic elements that have not been included, are identified in Section 5.0 of this audit plan.

2.0 ORGANIZATION TO BE AUDITED

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Livermore, California

3.0 AUDIT SCHEDULE

Final Pre-Audit Team Meeting	9:00 a.m., May 30, 1991 Las Vegas, NV
Pre-Audit Team/Observer Meeting	11:00 a.m., June 3, 1991 Livermore, CA
Pre-Audit Conference	1:00 p.m., June 3, 1991 Livermore, CA
Audit Activities	12:30 - 4:00 p.m., June 3, 1991 Livermore, CA 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., June 4-6 Livermore, CA 8:30 - 10:30 a.m., June 7, 1991 Livermore, CA
Post-Audit Conference	11:00 a.m., June 7, 1991 Livermore, CA

4.0 REQUIREMENTS TO BE AUDITED AND APPLICABLE REFERENCES

The requirements to be evaluated through the audit process are contained in the programmatic and technical checklists. These checklists were developed from the following documents:

- o Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Project Administrative Procedures (Quality) (AP-Qs).

- c LLNL Quality Assurance Program Plan (QAPP), Revision 8, and applicable implementing procedures.

The conduct of the audit will be guided by the documents listed below:

- c QAAP 18.2, "Audit Program," Revision 3.
- c QAAP 16.1, "Corrective Action Requests," Revision 3.
- c Audit Observer Inquiry.
- c Policy for Participation of State, Tribal, and U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Representative Observers on U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Audits.
- o High Level Waste Division Procedures for Conducting Observation Audits of DOE High Level Waste Repository Program Quality Assurance Audits.

5.0 ACTIVITIES TO BE AUDITED

The audit will be limited to a review of activities in the following areas:

QA Program Elements

- 1.0 Organization
- 2.0 Quality Assurance
- 3.0 Scientific Investigation and Design Control
- 4.0 Procurement Document Control
- 5.0 Instructions, Procedures, Plans, and Drawings
- 6.0 Document Control
- 7.0 Control of Purchased Items and Services
- 8.0 Identification & Control of Items, Samples, and Data
- 12.0 Control of Measuring and Test Equipment
- 13.0 Handling, Shipping, and Storage
- 15.0 Control of Non-Conforming Items
- 16.0 Corrective Action
- 17.0 Quality Assurance Records
- 18.0 Audits

The following QA Program Elements, with no activity since the last audit or no applicability to the LLNL scope of work, will not be reviewed during this audit:

- 9.0 Control of Processes
- 10.0 Inspection
- 11.0 Test Control
- 14.0 Inspection, Test, and Operating Status

Technical Elements

Technical specialists will review the following areas to evaluate performance of ongoing, new, and near-term technical activities:

<u>Work Breakdown</u>	<u>Title</u>
1.2.1.4.5	Geochemical Modeling and Data Base Development
1.2.2.2.2	Hydrologic Properties of Waste Package Environment
1.2.2.3.1.1	Waste Form Testing - Spent Fuel
1.2.2.3.4.2	Thermodynamic Data Determination

In addition, the technical specialists will evaluate the above activities to determine adequacy in the following areas:

1. Technical Qualifications of Scientific Investigators and Design Personnel.
2. Understanding of procedural requirements as they pertain to scientific investigation and design control activities.
3. Adequacy of technical procedures.
4. Development and review of technical products.

If the audit team identifies a need to verify additional programmatic or technical areas during the audit, they will be added to the audit checklists and verified accordingly.

6.0 AUDIT TEAM MEMBERS

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7.0 AUDIT CHECKLISTS

91-01-1, Programmatic Audit Checklist
91-01-2, Technical Audit Checklist