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Mr. Ralph Stein, Director
Engineering and Geotechnical Division
Office of Civilian Radioactive
Waste Management
U.S. Department of Energy
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Stein:

On January 8, 1988 the Department of Energy (DOE) transmitted the Consultative Draft Site Characterization Plan (CDSCP) Yucca Mountain site, Nevada to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). The NRC staff review of the CDSCP is on schedule, and we expect to complete draft point papers addressing staff concerns by the end of February.

Based upon the preliminary concerns identified to date by the staff, I propose that the NRC and DOE tentatively plan for one or more technical meetings during the weeks of March 14 and March 21 in the Washington, D.C. area for the NRC staff to discuss our more significant concerns. One particular concern requiring discussion is the consideration of alternative conceptual models of the Yucca Mountain site, including the one developed by J. Szymanski, DOE, in his draft report, "Conceptual Considerations of the Death Valley Groundwater System with Special Emphasis on the Adequacy of this System to Accommodate the High-Level Nuclear Waste Repository."

We will be ready to discuss meeting topics, agendas, and definite dates by the first week in March. If you have any questions concerning this proposal, please contact John Linehan (FTS 492-0411) of my staff.

Sincerely,

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STAFF REVIEW

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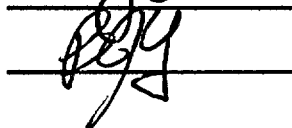
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