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STATUS OF WATER LEVEL DATA FROM THE AUTOMATED NETWORK AT YUCCA MOUNTAIN

In your letter of November 14, 1989, you requested an update on the status of your request for water level data from the U.S. Geological Survey's (USGS) monitoring network. Water level data from the automated network will be published in a report entitled "Water-Level Data From Continuously Monitored Wells in the Yucca Mountain Area, Nevada, 1983-88." That report was originally scheduled for transmittal to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) in November 1989. However, while the USGS has completed most of the checks on the data, the investigators have not yet completed the conversion of convertible data to water levels. The USGS now projects that the work will be finished and the report available for technical review by March 1990. Based on that schedule, the corrected transducer data could be released as early as May 1990.

A second report, "Water Levels in Periodically Measured Wells in the Yucca Mountain Area, Nevada, 1988," is currently in review at the Yucca Mountain Project Office. That report should be available to the public by the end of January 1990.

I appreciate your patience in waiting for this data. I am sure you are aware that the investigators are processing over 700,000 data points through five steps of data evaluation and validation. This is a time consuming process, but necessary since both the USGS and the DOE are committed to using and providing quality data for the characterization of Yucca Mountain.

Any further questions on this matter should be directed to Claudia M. Newbury of my staff at (702) 794-7942.

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