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Washington, D.C. 20555

Reference: Letter from Ralph Stein to Robert E. Browning
dated March 17, 1988

Dear Mr. Browning:

In accordance with my letter to you dated March 17, 1988, I have enclosed a draft copy of the report "Analyses to Evaluate the Effect of the Exploratory Shafts on Repository Performance at Yucca Mountain", Sand85-0598 dated March 1988, for information only. This report currently is undergoing DOE internal review.

Since this report was under preparation prior to the receipt of NRC draft point papers, it may not fully address NRC concerns identified in the NRC draft point papers dated March 7, 1988. However, should it become necessary DOE will revise the report or issue an addendum to the report to ensure that NRC concerns are addressed.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Owen Thompson at (202) 586-5003.

Sincerely,

Ralph Stein, Acting Associate
Director

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