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Dr. Richard Gates Golder Associates, Inc. 2950 Northup Way Bellevue, WA 98004

Dear Dr. Gates:

SUBJECT: Contract No. NRC-02-81-037 Entitled, "Technical Assistance

for Repository Design," Golder Associates, Inc. (GAI) (Letter

No. 70)

I have reviewed your January Project Status Report (GAI Ltr. No. 84) dated February 16, 1983 for the subject contract. I have the following comments:

TASK 1 - Identification of Factors Which Influence Design

This task is complete.

TASK 2 - In Situ Testing for Design and Construction

This task is complete.

TASK 3 - Evaluation of Alternative Shaft Sinking Techniques

This task is complete.

TASK 4 - Trade-off in the Relationship of the Test facility to the Repository

This task is complete.

TASK 5 - Evaluation of Engineering Aspects of Backfill Placement

The final report has been sent to GAI's publisher for printing.

TASK 6 - Direct Technical Assistance to NRC

All assigned Projects 1 through 19 have been completed and have been below estimated costs.

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The action taken by this letter is considered to be within the scope of this current contract No. NRC-02-81-037. No change to costs or delivery of contract products are authorized. Please notify me if you believe that this letter would result in changes to costs or delivery of contract products.

Sincerely,

"ORIGINAL SIGNED BY"

Ludwig F. Hartung, Project Officer High-Level Waste Technical Development Branch Division of Waste Management

cc: D. Pentz, GAI
J. Fields, ADM-DC
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