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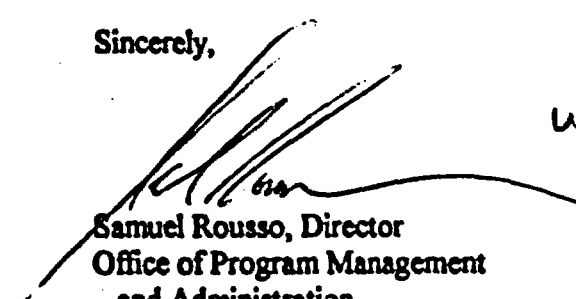
Dear Mr. Thoma:

In its letter dated March 18, 1996, the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) provided the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM) with a list of questions and comments on Revision 5 of the OCRWM Quality Assurance Requirements Description (QARD), DOE/RW-0333P. On May 7, 1996, OCRWM provided the NRC with responses to its request for additional information and committed to incorporate certain information in its next revision to the QARD.

Revision 6 of the QARD has been issued and a copy is enclosed. The QARD has been revised primarily to respond to questions/comments numbers 5, 8, 16, 18, and 20, discussed in the DOE's May 7, 1996 letter and the NRC's May 20, 1996 letter. This revision also includes one change to Criterion 17 and the Glossary as well as an editorial change to Criterion 6, which was requested by the Affected Organizations. These changes do not reduce the commitments previously made to the NRC.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Donald G. Horton (702)794-5568.

Sincerely,


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