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Attention: Ludwig F. Hartung

Subject: Contract No. NRC-02-81-037

Technical Assistance for Repository Design

Request for Publication Approval

Letter #81

Gentlemen:

In accordance with our preliminary request (GAI letter #58), please find attached a copy of the full text of a prepared conference paper and completed NRC form 426A. This paper has been accepted for publication in the copyright proceedings of the 1983 Rapid Excavation and Tunneling Conference, June, Chicago, sponsored by the AIME/ASCE.

Our ref: G/82/385

The paper is essentially an abridged version of our Task 3 report "Evaluation of Alternative Shaft Sinking Techniques for High Level Nuclear Waste (HLW) Deep Geologic Repositories" (NUREG/CR-2854) 813-1164D, with the same technical tenets and conclusions. As such, the recommendations of previous technical reviews of the above report have been included. Your approval for publication is requested. It is believed that the necessary disclaimers and statements have been incorporated in the paper.

Regrettably, your expedient action on this matter is respectfully requested in order that we may comply with the time limitation for submission for a camera-ready copy by late January.

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It is understood that when the paper is published, replacement duplicate copies will be sent to the NRC Project Manager and also to the Division of Technical Information and Document Control.

Best regards.

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