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I have received your report summarizing the activities during the month of May for FIN A-1165. The following items should be noted:

- 1. Under Task 1 you state that you have begun reviewing four Sandia documents on far-field performance assessment methodology, please contact me with respect to those documents' title, author, and date; and
- 2. Under Task 3 you state that Dr. John Wilson, one of the hydrologist members of the expert panel, had withdrawn his name and Dr. Gutjahr will carry out the full hydrologic portion of the panel's task. This appears to be satisfactory arrangement.

During the semiannual review meeting which was held in Silver Spring on May 10, 1985, it came to light that you did not have some of the key NRC staff documents related to this task, so I am enclosing the following three documents:

1. Draft Generic Technical Position on Licensing Assessment Methodology for High-Level Waste Geologic Repositories,

2. Revised Modeling Strategy Document for HLW Performance Assessment, and

3. Working Draft No. 6 - Final 40 CFR 191, Subchapter F - Radiation Protection Programs.

I request (under Task 1) that you examine these documents and factor them into your work under this task. Please notice that a copy of the first and second document was delivered to you by me during the first panel meeting conducted under Task 3 in Albuquerque, on June 6, 1985.

NRC has amended its procedure for approval of foreign travel, and NRC Manual Chapters 1102 and 1501 will be modified accordingly. All contractor foreign travel must be approved by the NRC Office of the Executive Director for Operations. Enclosed are sample forms--NRC Form 279, Request and

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Authorization for Office Travel, and NRC Form 445, Request for Approval of Official Foreign Travel, which must be completed for approval of foreign travel. These forms must be completed and submitted to NRC for signature at least 45 days in advance of any foreign trip; these forms can be obtained as needed and upon request from NRC.

The action taken by this letter is to be considered within the scope of the current contract (FIN A-1165). No changes to cost or delivery of contracted products are authorized. Please notify me immediately if you believe this letter would result in change to cost or delivery of contract products.

Sincerely,

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Atef Elzeftawy, Project Manager Repository Projects Branch Division of Waste Management Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards

Enclosures:

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 Protection Programs
- 4. NRC Form 279 (leady in PDR)
 5. NRC Form 445 (clearly in PDR)

cc: Nestor Ortiz (SNL), w/o enclosures)

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