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Dear Dr. Interrante:

We have reviewed the NBS Financial Status Reports for August 1987/January 1988 for FIN A-4171, "Evaluation and Compilation of DOE Waste Package Test Data." Our comments are presented below.

1. The information presented appears in accord with expectations. However, as discussed with you, at one-third of the period of performance which ends September 30, 1988 funds expended amount to 48% of the amount authorized. You have assured us that the rate of expenditure projected henceforth has been reduced so that the total will not exceed the amount authorized.
2. While we understand that preparation of these final financial reports usually will not be completed in time to be released with each monthly letter report (MLR), we require certain information on a timely basis to properly monitor the FIN. We request that the following items be included either as part of your MLR or as a separate enclosure with it:
 - a. Total cumulative expenditure
 - b. Expenditure for the month reported
 - c. % of total FIN amount expended
 - d. Total cumulative work hours charged
 - e. Work hours charged for the month reported
 - f. Any unusual large amount expended, i.e. travel.

If the exact amounts expended on unusual items are not readily available for the MLR, estimates may be used or a note included to indicate the nature of the unusual items and the amount stated in the next MLR.

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Sincerely,



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