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Dear Mr. Knight:

The purpose of this letter is to request the status of several recent NRC letters to you providing comments and requests for additional information (RAI) on the DOE Headquarters and Project Office QA plans for high-level radioactive waste repositories. The specific QA plans and dates of the NRC RAI's are as follows:

<u>QA Plan</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DATE OF RAI</u>
°OGR/B-3 (8/86)	Quality Assurance Plan for High-Level Radioactive Waste Repositories	1/28/87
°BQARD (Rev.0, 1/86)	Basalt Quality Assurance Requirements Document	3/9/87
°BWIP/QAP (Rev. 2, 4/15/86)	Basalt Waste Isolation Project-Quality Assurance Plan	3/9/87
°NVO-196-17 (1/14/86)	Nevada Nuclear Waste Storage Investigations-QA Plan	8/25/86 (J. Linehan to W.J. Purcell)
°NNWSI-SOP-02-01 (1/31/86)	Nevada Nuclear Waste Storage Investigations Project Quality Assurance Program Plan Requirements for Participating Organizations and NTS Support Contractors	11/21/86
°SRPO QA Plan (Rev.0, 12/4/85)	Quality Assurance Plan-Salt Repository Project Office	3/9/87

As we indicated in our October 11, 1985 letter to William J. Purcell of DOE, we also intend to review and comment on the QA plans of the prime contractors after DOE approval of the plans. Formal approval letter and plans have not yet been submitted to our staff.

It our understanding that the first Site Characterization Plan (SCP) is scheduled for submittal to NRC for September 1987. Consequently, in order to

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avoid schedule delays and conflicts between the evaluation of SCP's and QA plans, we believe it is critical that outstanding QA plan issues be resolved prior to submittal of SCP's. The meeting now scheduled for August 17, 1987, to discuss the OGR QA Plan, should be beneficial but additional meetings between DOE Headquarters, the DOE Project Office, DOE contractors and NRC staff on the other plans are also needed to develop an understanding of NRC RAI's and thereby expedite the means for the comment resolution process for the QA plan issues.

Should you have any questions on our request or arrangements for meetings between our staffs, please contact William Belke on 427-4798.

Sincerely,

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