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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR REFERENCES FOR THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS

Dear Mr. Stein:

The staff of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission is preparing to review the Final Environmental Assessments (EAs) when they are released. Our review will also include the references, in this case new references for the Final EAs since we have previously obtained and reviewed the references for the Draft EAs. We understand that there are many new EA references, for example about 700 for the Salt EAs. In addition, we have been informed that some of these documents contain new and significant information (e.g., new groundwater travel time calculations for the salt sites). With this in mind obtaining early copies of current versions of key, new references would allow us to more efficiently manage our overall preparations for and reviews of the Final EAs and supporting material. Therefore, we would appreciate receiving as soon as possible listings of new EA references. These listings and discussions with the Department of Energy (DOE) points of contact will help our staff select key, new references which we would then request by letter to each of the DOE project offices.

To further assist us we would appreciate a complete set of the new EA references. We would like one hard copy and one microfiche copy of the version referenced in the Final EAs as soon as possible and before the Final EAs are released. These could be sent to us in groups as they become available. Our needs are being made known early so as to avoid the delays experienced in receiving references for the Draft EAs.

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If you have any questions about this request, please contact John Linehan at FTS 427-4672.

Sincerely,

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