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Mr. Ralph Stein, Acting Director Licensing and Regulatory Division Office of Geologic Repositories Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management U.S. Department of Energy RW-24 Washington, DC 20545

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Sincerely.

B. J. Youngblood, Chief

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