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SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE AT THE DOE/NRC TECHNICAL EXCHANGES ON TOTAL
SYSTEM PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT FOR YUCCA MOUNTAIN

Dear Ms. Garcia:

Over the past two years, I have attended three technical exchanges between the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) at the Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses (CNWRA). The most recent of these was on May 25 - 27, 1999. I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the support you provided to those meetings. Your efforts were key to making them successful. In particular, your coordination of the logistical aspects of these exchanges, including accommodating up to 80 participants, was always responsive and highly professional. You did such a great job that both NRC and DOE have expressed a strong desire to have future meetings at the CNWRA.

We at NRC appreciate all your effort to ensure that everything went smoothly. I look forward to working with you and others at CNWRA on future performance assessment-related meetings.

Sincerely,

[Original signed by:]

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