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Dear Mr. Bechtel:

SUBJECT: DRAFT REGULATORY GUIDE, "FORMAT AND CONTENT FOR THE LICENSE APPLICATION FOR THE HIGH-LEVEL WASTE REPOSITORY"

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with a copy of the Draft Regulatory Guide, "Format and Content for the License Application for the High-Level Waste Repository" (FCRG) for your review and comment. A notice of the availability of the FCRG is now being published in the Federal Register with a public comment period of 120 days. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff will rely on the FCRG as the primary method for providing generic guidance to U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) about the format and content of the DOE's license application for the high-level waste repository.

To assist members of the Licensing Support System Advisory Review Panel in their review of a preliminary version of the Draft Regulatory Guide "Topical Guidelines for the Licensing Support System," a preliminary draft of the FCRG was provided to them prior to their October meeting. It should be noted that there have been several significant changes to the FCRG which are reflected in the current version. It would be prudent to ensure that the enclosed version is the only version reviewed for purposes of providing comments back to NRC.

If you have any questions on the FCRG, please contact Mark Delligatti, the FCRG Project Manager at FTS/301-492-0430.

Sincerely,

15/ by J. Holonich John J. Linehan, Director

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