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SUBJECT: REVIEW OF ITERATIVE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT STATUS
 REPORT: IM 5702-723-456

Dear Dr. Baca:

On April 14, 1995, the Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses (CNWRA) transmitted the letter report entitled "Iterative Performance Assessment Phase 3: Status of Activities." Based on our review, conducted by Rex Wescott and Tim McCartin, it was determined that this deliverable was transmitted on time and is adequate and consistent with the technical direction provided to the CNWRA. Therefore, the transmitted document acceptably meets the requirements of Intermediate Milestone 5702-723-456.

The CNWRA is to be commended for their responsiveness in meeting the tight schedule for this deliverable. The letter report provides a significant amount of valuable information on IPA activities which will serve as a basis for future updates (as you are aware the status report is envisioned to be updated on an approximately annual basis). Over the next year, we should think of possible improvements that might be included in the next update as we better understand the purpose of the status report and how it is being utilized. For example, we would like the report to address all IPA related activities as opposed to only activities being performed under the PA Element. This would include work in the other technical assistance elements as well as Research and tasks such as those involved in the development of EBSPAC and the geochemical analog project. The extent to which such activities may help resolve KTUs not associated exclusively with the performance assessment should also be addressed. Once again, the report is a very well done and provides an excellent overview of the breadth and scope of the IPA activities.

If you have any questions regarding the contents of this letter, please contact Tim McCartin at (301) 415-6681.

Sincerely,

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