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SUBJECT:

REVIEW OF REPORTS ON AUDIT REVIEWS OF DOE TSPA 93:

INTERMEDIATE MILESTONE 5702-741-401

Dear Dr. Baca:

On September 27, 1994, the Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses (CNWRA) transmitted the audit reviews of "An Evaluation of the Potential Yucca Mountain Repository" by Interra, Inc. and "Total-System Performance Assessment for Yucca Mountain-SNL Second Iteration (TSPA-1993), Volumes 1 and 2" by Sandia National Laboratories to fulfill the requirements of Intermediate Milestone 5702-741-401.

Based on our review, conducted by Rex Wescott, it was determined that the audit reviews were transmitted on time and are adequate and consistent with the technical direction provided to the CNWRA. Therefore, the transmitted document acceptably meets the requirements of Intermediate Milestone 5702-741-401.

The NRC-DOE Technical Exchange on Performance Assessment benefited significantly from input based on the CNWRA audit reviews. CNWRA staff who participated in the reviews and/or the technical exchange are to be commended for an excellent job.

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

Sincerely,

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