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Dear Dr. Pearcy:

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has completed its review of the subject document transmitted by cover letter dated September 22, 1995. I have discussed the review with NRC lead staff, and this product has been found to be acceptable.

I note that this product extends the FY94 work by developing tables of "broad data needs" associated with each of the key technical issues (KTIs) assigned to the Geohydrology and Geochemistry Element. Since KTIs were developed rather late in FY95, the development of these tables is an excellent example of Center initiative. This effort is appreciated. Also, the work is very timely in that it will be used as input to the KTI work plans that are presently being developed.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-7284.

Sincerely,

/s/

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