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SUBJECT: REVIEW OF PAPER ON DRIFT STABILITY EFFECTS ON WASTE PACKAGE PERFORMANCE: IM 5702-723-601

Dear Dr. Baca:

In a letter dated November 6, 1995, the Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses (CNWRA) transmitted the subject proceedings paper. Based on our programmatic review, it was determined that this deliverable was transmitted on time, and is adequate and consistent with the technical direction previously provided to the CNWRA. Therefore, the transmitted document acceptably meets the requirements of Intermediate Milestone 5702-723-601.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at 301/415-6677.

Sincerely,

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