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Mr. John Latz, President  
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Dear Mr. Latz:

We have received and reviewed the draft of Chapter 19 of the Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses (CNWRA) Quality Assurance Manual (CQAM). I am pleased with the progress that this document represents in the CNWRA understanding and appreciation of decision support. Our comments are provided below.

The criteria to be used in choosing decision points must be developed and in place before the CQAM is revised to reflect the inclusion of Chapter 19 and decision support. Mark Delligatti of my staff has discussed this with Mr. Mabrito and he is available for further discussions in this regard.

Mr. Delligatti has discussed a proposed change to Section 19.4.1 regarding the scope of applicability of decision support with Mr. Mabrito. Mr. Delligatti is concerned that the section as written might be overly restrictive to the CNWRA's detriment.

If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact me as soon as possible.

**Original Signed By**

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