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Mr. Robert Browning, Director
Division of High-Level Waste Management
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Browning:

Enclosed with this letter is a copy of Study Plan No. 8.3.1.2.2.2 entitled, "Study Plan for Water Movement Test", prepared by the Nevada Nuclear Waste Storage Investigations (NNWSI) Project. This study plan corresponds to the study of the same number in the Consultation Draft Site Characterization Plan (SCP/CD) for the Yucca Mountain Site in Nevada. The plan describes the testing to be performed in one shaft, during the construction phase of the Exploratory Shaft Facility (ESF).

The Department of Energy (DOE) is currently re-evaluating the testing planned for the ESF as a part of the completion process of the SCP. Details of some activities may change as a result of this completion process and will be reflected in the statutory SCP as well as in revisions to the appropriate study plans.

The DOE has reviewed the plan for consistency with the content requirements for study plans as given in Attachment B to the Summary of the NRC/DOE Meeting on the Level-of-Detail for Site Characterization Plans and Study Plans (May 7-8, 1986). The DOE is submitting this plan for NRC review and comment as agreed in that meeting.

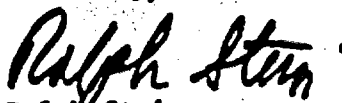
The DOE anticipates that NRC will review this plan as described in the NRC review procedure dealing with study plan review. These procedures specify that NRC will notify DOE in writing when NRC's acceptance review is completed, notify DOE of any objections to the plan at the conclusion of the three month start work review, and provide the complete package of review comments within six months of the review initiation, if the NRC elects to perform a technical review of this plan.

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If you have any questions, please call Dr. Donald Alexander of my staff on 586-2834.

Sincerely,



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