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Dear Mr. Shelor:

SUBJECT: MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 26, 1993, QUALITY ASSURANCE MEETING

I am transmitting the enclosed minutes of the January 26, 1993, quality assurance (QA) meeting. The meeting attendees included representatives from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Nuclear Waste Management System Management and Operating Contractor (M&O), Senator Reid's office, Edison Electric Institute, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), Clark County, CER Corporation, Weston, and Southern Technical Services. The State of Nevada participated by telephone.

At this meeting, DOE presented information on the following topics: (1) update on the status of implementation of new Quality Assurance Requirements and Description for the Civilian Radioactive Waste Management Program (QARD); (2) update on QA oversight of core drilling and other field activities; (3) update on FY93 audit schedule; (4) Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM) QA Director's observations of recent audits; (5) update on DOE's evaluation of M&O QA program implementation; and (6) clarification of the role of technical specialists on audits. The NRC staff presented summaries of observations of recent DOE audits and surveillances.

During the meeting, DOE stated that all affected organizations are expected to submit Transition Plans to DOE's Office of Quality Assurance (OQA) by January 29, 1993. These Transition Plans will contain information on which documents have to be revised in order to meet the new QARD and a schedule for completing the revisions. DOE stated that once the Transition Plans are received from each affected organization, and reviewed by OQA, DOE will provide an implementation schedule to the NRC. The NRC and State of Nevada requested, and DOE agreed to provide, information copies of the Transition Plans for OCRWM, M&O, and USGS.

The NRC staff agreed during the meeting to review and comment on Revision 3 of the M&O Quality Assurance Program Description (QAPD). After further consideration by the NRC staff, it was agreed, via phone conversation with D. Horton on February 5, 1993, that a formal NRC review of Revision 3 of the M&O QAPD would not be beneficial at this time since Revision 3 will be superseded in the near future.

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If you have any questions regarding this letter or the enclosed meeting minutes, please contact Ken Hooks of my staff at (301) 504-2447.

Sincerely,

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