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Mr. Lake H. Barrett, Acting Director
 Office of Civilian Radioactive
 Waste Management
 U.S. Department of Energy
 1000 Independence Avenue, SW
 Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Mr. Barrett:

SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL OF THE QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT ON THE PRE-LICENSING
 PHASE OF THE CIVILIAN HIGH-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT
 PROGRAM

Enclosed for your information is a copy of SECY-93-228, the "Quarterly Progress Report on the Pre-Licensing Phase of the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE's) Civilian High-Level Radioactive Waste Management Program." The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff prepares Quarterly Progress Reports in order to provide the Commission with an assessment of progress being made on key aspects of the NRC and the DOE pre-licensing consultation program. This report covers the period from April through June 1993.

As stated in the enclosed Quarterly Progress Report, my staff has noted that there has been some improvement in DOE submitting its Site Characterization Progress Reports on time. I encourage the continued timely submittal of future Site Characterization Progress Reports because of the importance of these reports in providing information to all parties regarding the results of and changes to DOE's site characterization program.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 504-3352, or Mr. Joseph Holonich of my staff, at (301) 504-3387.

Sincerely, *Original signed by*
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 Office of Nuclear Material Safety
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