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Mr. Jesse L. Funches U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards Division of High Level Waste Management Mail Stop 6-A-4 Washington, DC 20555

Subject: CNWRA Program Manager's Periodic Report for Period 5-FY1991

Dear Mr. Funches:

Pursuant to Section F.1.5. of the above referenced contract, enclosed herewith is our "Program Manager's Periodic Report (PMPR)," which reflects the activities of the Center from January 19, 1991, through February 15, 1991. Also enclosed is a diskette containing the text of the report in standard ASCII format.

Please note that the estimated budget figures are from the CNWRA FY91-92 Operations Plan for the Division of High Level Waste Management, the Overall Research Project Plan for the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research: FY91-92, and the Operations Plan for the Licensing Support System Administrator: FY91-92.

We direct your attention again this month to the Financial Status section of each chapter of this PMPR which analyzes cost variances that have arisen during the first four fiscal periods of this year. In some cases, these variances are significant. The Center judges that these variances are amenable to remediation at current funding levels, and has taken, and continues to take necessary actions to so remedy this situation. These actions are being taken consistently with intensive discussions on January 29-30 and February 20-21, 1991, with management staff of the NRC. Based on these discussions, it is currently our anticipation that Operations and Project Plans will be modified, to some degree, in the coming weeks to provide revised fiscal bases for those Elements and Projects which are experiencing significant cost variances. We will continue to work closely with your staff to ensure that necessary changes are made in accordance with current NRC plans and priorities.

President

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