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Subject: Programmatic Review of Abstract of the Paper; "Rock
Fragmentation in Bench Blasting - A Numerical Study."
(CNWRA 940112)

Reference: Letter of August 26, 1994, from B. Sagar of Center to
S. Fortuna of NRC; Submitting the Abstract of a Paper for
Programmatic Review

Dear Dr. Chowdhury:

The subject abstract has been reviewed from a perspective of NRC's position on
this topic. There are no major programmatic or technical concerns with this
abstract. However, we would like to review the paper before it is submitted
for presentation at the 35th U.S. Symposium on Rock Mechanics to be held at
the University of Nevada, in Reno, Nevada.

The action taken by this letter is within the scope of the current contract.
Please contact me at (301) 415-6653 if you have any questions regarding this
matter.

Sincerely,

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