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Dear Mr. Shelor:

SUBJECT: MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 8, 1990, QUALITY ASSURANCE MEETING

The purpose of this letter is to transmit the enclosed minutes of the November 8, 1990, quality assurance (QA) meeting. The participants included individuals from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), and Nye County, NV.

DOE discussed the results of the QA workshop closeout meeting held on October 25, 1990, in Las Vegas, Nevada. A meeting may be scheduled in February or March 1991 between NRC and DOE to discuss future changes to the DOE QA program as a result of this QA workshop effort.

DOE indicated: the audit and surveillance schedule is being revised to reflect the results of the recent audits of the DOE Headquarters and Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Project Office (YMSCPO); the Transition Plan for Raytheon Services Nevada and the QA Program Plan for Science Applications International Corporation will be submitted to NRC in the near future; and guidance to implement the new System DOE-80 for maintaining training and qualification records of DOE and contractor personnel would be issued by DOE within two weeks.

DOE presented an overview of the YMSCPO Q-List, Quality Activities List, grading process, and QA involvement in Study Plan reviews. The NRC agreed that DOE need not submit the DOE Office of Environmental Restoration and Waste Management or the Waste Producer Organizations QA program documents to NRC for formal review and acceptance. The NRC staff will receive an "information copy" for background and for use in preparation for audits or surveillances.

The observation of DOE's September 1990 surveillance of the U.S. Geological Survey, QA open items, acceptance of DOE participant QA programs, and highlights of the November 1-2, 1990, QA Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board (NWTRB) meeting were discussed by the NRC staff. NRC emphasized that although it accepted some of

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the DOE participant QA programs, it will continue to monitor these programs through observing DOE audits and surveillances, or by performing its own independent audits and surveillances on a selective basis.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or the enclosed meeting minutes, please contact Ken Hooks of my staff on 301/FTS 492-0447.

Sincerely,

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