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Dear Dr. Moody:

Since my letter to you dated August 6, 1982, I have had an opportunity to discuss the Lehman and Quinn presentation to the GSA Symposium with Bob Wright. I now understand that Dr. Wright requested that the report be withdrawn as a contribution from NRC because the work needed to present it as an NRC product conflicts with the heavy work load the staff faces in preparing for review of Site Characterization Reports to be submitted shortly by the DOE. This heavy work load on the NRC staff has been increased by the authors' acceptance of positions outside the NRC.

It is not the NRC's intent that this presentation be withdrawn from the Symposium. It is likely Ms. Lehman and Ms. Quinn may wish to present a report based on the work they have completed as individuals and the NRC has no objection to this. However, since neither author will be an NRC employee at the time of the Symposium we request that this report be identified as representing the views of the authors and not necessarily those of the NRC.

Sincerely,

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