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Mr. Jefferson O. Neff Program Manager U.S. Department of Energy Salt Repository Project Office Columbus, Ohio 43201-2693

Dear Mr. Neff

This letter is a follow-up to my January 30, 1987 letter to you which confirmed our plans to send NRC salt team points of contact to your offices to perform selected activities which would normally be conducted by NRC's on-site representative. As you are aware, discussions among R. Johnson of my staff, and G. Appel and A. Avel of your staff have concluded that the first two temporary OR assignments have been mutually beneficial to NRC and DOE staff involved and that it would be useful to continue these temporary assignments in the absence of the permanent OR. Therefore, I am confirming the temporary OR assignment of Naiem Tanious, the salt team point of contact for repository and exploratory shaft design and in-situ testing, for a two week period from March 16-27, 1987. In addition, we have tentatively scheduled the following points of contact for their temporary OR assignments as follows:

Walt Kelly, geochemistry - - April 20-24, 1987 Pauline Brooks, performance assessment - - May 11-15, 1987 Tom Cardone, geology, - - May 18-29, 1987

We consider the above three assignments to be tentative at this time; that they will become firm only as travel funds are available. We will keep you informed in advance as our plans develop.

Finally, we appreciate the support you and your staff have given the first temporary OR assignment; this support has lead to their success. Should you have any questions or observations on this matter please contact me at 427-4177 or R. Johnson at 427-4674.

Sincerely,

John J. Linehan, Acting Chief 8712070067 870313 **Repository Projects Branch** WASTE Division of Waste Management PDR Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, Whi Record File WM Project____6____ 10L Docket No. PDR -X LI'DR -**Distribution:** (Return to WM, 623-SE)

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