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Mr. Charles E. Kay, Acting Director Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management U.S. Department of Energy Mail Stop RW-20 Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Kay:

This letter is in response to your October 30, 1987 letter to Chairman Zech regarding your current general plans for surface-based testing at Yucca Mountain, Hanford, and the Deaf Smith sites. We appreciate your efforts to keep us informed of deliberations on these matters and agree that the consultation draft Site Characterization Plan workshops are the appropriate forum for discussions on your specific plans and timing for surface-based testing at each of the three sites.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert M. Bernero

Hugh L. Thompson, Jr., Director
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
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