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COMPLETION OF *ADDITIONAL SAFETY CONSCIOUS WORK ENVIRONMENT TRAINING FOR MANAGERS* (ACTION NO. 9) FROM U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE) MAY 29, 2003, LETTER TO THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION (NRC) CONCERNING THE YUCCA MOUNTAIN PROJECT (YMP)

- References: (1) Ltr, Chu to Virgilio, dtd 5/29/03 (Response to NRC DOE Quarterly Management Meeting of 4/30/03)
(2) Ltr, Ziegler to Chief, High-Level Waste Branch (NRC), dtd 10/29/03 (Status of Actions from the DOE 5/29/03 Letter to the NRC Concerning the YMP)

In Reference 1, DOE provided details of actions being taken to ensure that the Yucca Mountain Repository License Application meets NRC expectations for completeness, accuracy, and compliance with quality assurance requirements. One of these actions, under the heading *Safety Conscious Work Environment (SCWE)*, stated:

“We are planning to implement additional [SCWE] training to increase managers’ effectiveness in receiving and acting upon concerns.”

The DOE identified this action as “Action No. 9” for Reference 1.

In Reference 2, DOE provided the NRC with the status of the actions described in Reference 1. Reference 2 stated that Action No. 9, SCWE manager training, up to that time, had focused on communicating management expectations, and detection and prevention of retaliation. Reference 2 also specified that ongoing efforts to improve the project’s SCWE were in progress, including targeted training for specific components of the workforce. Since Reference 2 was submitted to the NRC, SCWE training has evolved into an element of YMP’s overall training

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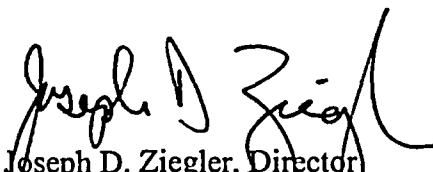
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provisions that include training for YMP managers to improve their skills in detecting and preventing retaliation (currently satisfied by Training Briefing BREMAS04-001, *SCWE Training – Detecting and Preventing Retaliation for ORD/BSC Management*). Approximately 90% of YMP managers have received this training to date. Therefore, SCWE training has progressed sufficiently that Action No. 9 is considered complete.

There are no new regulatory commitments provided in this letter. Please direct any questions regarding this letter to April V. Gil at (702) 794-5578 or email april_gil@ymp.gov.


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