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TRANSMITTAL OF THE OFFICE OF CIVILIAN RADIOACTIVE WASTE
MANAGEMENT (OCRWM) QUALITY ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS AND
DESCRIPTION (QARD), DOE/RW-0333P, REVISION 17

Reference: Ltr, Schlueter to Murthy, dtd 8/16/02 (Meeting Summary for the
August [sic July] 30, 2002, Quality Assurance Management Meeting)

This letter transmits the OCRWM QARD, DOE/RW-0333P, Revision 17 (enclosure 1) to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for your review and acceptance. In addition, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has included Table 1A - Regulatory/Commitment Document Positions with Justification (enclosure 2). This table is provided for information purposes only and provides justifications, developed by the DOE Office of Quality Assurance, for the exceptions provided in QARD Table 1. Also, a compact disk (CD) of the QARD, Revision 17, and Table 1A is provided in Enclosure 3. The CD files are in pdf format and can be made publicly available. Files included on the CD are as follows:

- QARDNRCFINALrw0333r17 904.pdf (641 KB, dated 09/14/04)
- TABLE-1A-QARD-R17-9-14-04-13.pdf (126 KB, dated 09/16/04)

The QARD, Revision 17, describes the Quality Assurance (QA) requirements for the construction phase of the Yucca Mountain Project (YMP). This revision re-baselines the YMP's QA program to meet the QA requirements of 10 CFR 63.

Per the agreement made during the NRC/DOE Quarterly QA Meeting on July 30, 2002 (Reference), revisions to the QARD that are reductions in commitments will be submitted to NRC for review and acceptance prior to implementation. DOE is submitting the QARD, Revision 17, to the NRC for review and acceptance prior to its implementation even though DOE does not believe this revision constitutes a reduction in commitments because the extent and nature of the revisions warrant NRC review and acceptance prior to its implementation. Therefore, DOE is requesting that the NRC review the QARD, Revision 17, for acceptance and advise DOE regarding any issues associated with its acceptance.

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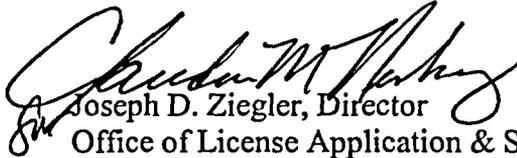
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Nothing within the body of this letter should be considered as a commitment. Any commitments associated with YMP's QA program are contained within QARD, Revision 17.

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Enclosure:

1. OCRWM QARD, Revision 17
2. Table 1A – Regulatory/Commitment Document Positions with Justification
3. CD of Enclosures 1 and 2 (Quality Assurance Requirements and Description [QARD], Revision 17, R-A)

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