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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF FEBRUARY 10, 2005, U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY
COMMISSION AND U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY TECHNICAL EXCHANGE
ON THE QUALITY ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS AND DESCRIPTION,
DOE/RW-033P, REVISION 17, ADDITIONAL INFORMATION NEEDS

Dear Mr. Ziegler:

Enclosed is the summary of the February 10, 2005, Technical Exchange between the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). The purpose of the Technical Exchange was to discuss DOE's approach to responding to the NRC Additional Information Needs (AINs) identified in the NRC's December 22, 2004, letter to DOE. The AINs pertain to the NRC staff's review of DOE's Quality Assurance Requirements and Description, DOE/RW-033P, Revision 17.

The Technical Exchange was held by videoconferencing between NRC in Rockville, Maryland, DOE in Las Vegas, Nevada, and the Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses in San Antonio, Texas. This Technical Exchange was publicly available and additional phone lines were available for public access to the proceedings. Members of the public participated in the Technical Exchange and provided three documents which are listed as enclosures to this letter.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of General Applicability," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be available electronically in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records component of the NRC's document system (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

J. D. Ziegler

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If you have any questions regarding the meeting summary, please contact Thomas Matula at 201-415-6700 or by e-mail to tom1@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

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6. Questions Regarding Disposal of Foreign Waste

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