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Subject: Transmittal of the Revised Risk Analysis for Risk Insights Progress Report in Response to the NRC Comments in the Acceptance Letter Dated December 17, 2004

Dear Dr. Leslie:

The purpose of this letter is to transmit the revised version of the intermediate milestone titled Risk Analysis for Risk Insights Progress Report (IM 06002.01.351.510). In its acceptance letter of December 17, 2004, NRC directed the Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses (CNWRA) to make both general and specific changes. In response to the CNWRA concern that addressing general comments would fundamentally change the structure of the report, the NRC verbally advised the CNWRA that only the specific comments needed to be addressed.

The CNWRA staff incorporated the specific comments with the following exceptions:
(i) changes were not made if the comment was not consistent with the CNWRA Editorial Style Guide or the author's original intent; (ii) the old design of the drip shield was considered as the current design because the new design is not publicly available; (iii) in some instances, authors chose alternatives to recommended wordings by NRC without changing the context; and (iv) although an NRC comment indicated otherwise, a reference was cited in the report.



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Note that the "PREDECISIONAL" label has been removed so that NRC may consider making the report publicly available. CNWRA will be pleased to make additional modifications, if any, that must be made for the public release of the report. If you have any questions, please contact me at (210) 522-5249.

Sincerely yours,



for James Winterle
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