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Subject: Programmatic review of a paper for publication in the 2006 International High-Level Radioactive Waste Management Conference Proceedings; AI06002.01.322.602

Dear Mrs. DeMarco:

Enclosed is the following Paper with form 390A being submitted for NRC programmatic review.

Independent Evaluation of Waste Package Under the Potential Yucca Mountain Repository Conditions authored by Y.-M. Pan, K.C. Chiang, D.S. Dunn, X. He, O. Pensado, P. Shukla, and L. Yang

This paper summarizes the results of the experimental and modeling studies focused on uniform, localized, and microbially influenced corrosion, and stress corrosion cracking of Alloy 22. Independent investigations are being carried out to assist in the understanding of the significance of waste package degradation processes to waste isolation of the potential high-level waste repository at Yucca Mountain. The results presented in this paper are drawn from five intermediate milestone reports and four conference papers that were approved previously by NRC.

Please advise me of the results of your programmatic review. If you have any questions regarding this paper, please contact me at (210) 522-5185 or Yi-Ming Pan at (210) 522-6640. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

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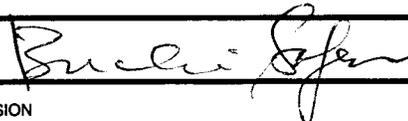
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