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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Subject: Docket No. 72-21 (TAC No. L22327)

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed is the Department of Energy's (DOE's) response to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) March 19, 1998, request for additional information (RAI) for the Centralized Interim Storage Facility Topical Safety Analysis Report (CISF/TSAR). To assist the NRC staff in their review, additional copies of DOE's response and revised supporting documents have been sent to Mr. Michael Raddatz of the Spent Fuel Project Office.

As discussed with Mr. Raddatz, during a meeting held on April 14, 1998, a revised CISF/TSAR will be submitted after submittal of DOE's response to the RAI, giving NRC staff opportunity to review and comment on the responses, as necessary.

To support the NRC staff's review, we will continue to rely on TRW Environmental Safety Systems, Inc., our management and operating contractor, for assistance. Mr. William Lake is the licensing manager for Docket No. 72-21 and will serve as the DOE's point of contact for questions on technical and licensing matters. Mr. Lake can be reached at (202) 586-2840.

Sincerely,

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