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Subject: Programmatic Review of Abstract for AI 14003.01.007.801

Dear Mr. Fuller:

The enclosed abstract, NRC Form 390A, and Checklist are being transmitted for programmatic review. This abstract is planned to be presented at the 2008 Materials Research Society fall meeting to be held December 1–5, 2008, in Boston, Massachusetts. The title of the abstract is

Assessing Radionuclide Solubility Limits for Cement-Based, Near-Surface Disposal

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The abstract reports on radioelement solubility limits modeled for selenium, technetium, uranium, neptunium, and plutonium in chemical environments relevant to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) saltstone and grouted tank disposal systems. These models, along with literature review, provide recommended ranges of values for staff to consider when reviewing radionuclide release models in DOE assessments demonstrating compliance with performance objectives.

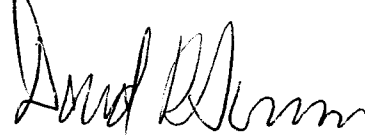


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