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ATTN: Document Control Desk U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Mrs. Deborah DeMarco Division of High-Level Waste Repository Safety U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission 11555 Rockville Pike Mail Stop EBB–2–BO2 Washington, DC 20555

Subject: Quality Assurance Audit Report for Geosciences and Engineering Division Audit 2009-1 of NRC-Funded Programs Conducted by the Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses (IM 14002.01.021.910)

Dear Mrs. DeMarco:

This letter transmits the subject report to fulfill the requirements of intermediate milestone 14002.01.021.910, which is titled Annual Internal Quality Assurance Audit Report in the Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses (CNWRA®) Operations Plan for the High-Level Waste Repository Safety Program.

This audit was planned, executed, and reported in accordance with the Geosciences and Engineering Division Quality Assurance Manual and associated quality assurance procedures. We appreciate the observation of this audit by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) representatives. This audit confirms that the CNWRA is implementing an effective quality assurance program, adequate controls are placed on technical product development, and the integrated quality program continues to improve to better serve NRC.

Please contact me at (210) 522-5252 or Mr. Robert Brient at (210) 522-5537, if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely, Budhi Sagar President

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