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Subject: Programmatic Review of Presentation for 2013 Waste Management Symposia
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Dear Mr. George:

The enclosed presentation, along with NRC Form 390A and a Technical Publications/Presentations Checklist, is being transmitted for U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) programmatic review. This presentation is planned to be presented at the 2013 Waste Management Conference during February 24-28, 2013, in Phoenix, Arizona. The title of the abstract is:

Performance Impact of Fast Flow Pathways Through Grout Monoliths
Used for Radioactive Waste Disposal-13224

by

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The presentation describes the NRC's grout monolith test bed experiments conducted at the Southwest Research Institute® in San Antonio, Texas, to evaluate the likelihood and performance impact of preferential fast flow pathways through cementitious waste forms, and presents a summary of project results obtained to date. This presentation was developed at the request of NRC staff, following an expression of interest on the part of the U.S. Department of Energy staff for Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses (CNWRA®) to present project results in a waste-incident-to-reprocessing session at the 2013 Waste Management Conference.

This presentation provides an opportunity to present insights gained from recent analyses conducted under the NRC program, and conference interactions will enhance CNWRA staff support for that program.

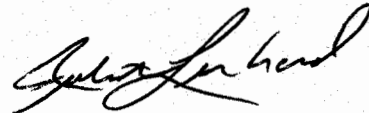


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Please advise me of the result of your programmatic review. If you have any questions regarding this abstract, please contact Dr. Cynthia Dinwiddie (210) 522-6085 or me at (210) 522-6418.

Sincerely,



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