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Project M-32

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Dear Mr. Rowland:

Following up on discussions with you and your staff, I will be visiting the West Valley Demonstration Project during the week of December 17, 1990. Three other Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff members will accompany me: Gary Comfort of the Division of Industrial and Medical Nuclear Safety, and Michael Tokar and Mary Adams of the Division of Low-Level Waste Management and Decommissioning. Two or three NRC contractors from the Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses (CNWRA) will come as well. I will supply you with the names of the CNWRA attendees as soon as possible.

Mr. Comfort and I will arrive after lunch on December 17, and will plan to spend the afternoon discussing issues related to the Phase II Environmental Impact Statement. Mr. Tokar and Ms. Adams will arrive on the morning of December 18 and plan to depart in late afternoon of the same day. Their interest will be in NRC certification of the cemented sludge wash liquids. I hope you can provide a general presentation on the sludge wash process and a tour of relevant facilities, such as the tank farm, the Cement Solidification System, the Drum Cell, and the scale model tank. Mr. Tokar and Ms. Adams will be prepared to explain how the certification process will work and may have some initial questions to submit to your staff.

The CNWRA contractors will also arrive on the morning of December 18 and would benefit from attending the sludge wash presentation and tour. Mr. Comfort, the CNWRA contractors, and I will return to the site on December 19 to discuss safety issues related to sludge wash operations. I expect that we can finish in the morning, but will stay as long as necessary.

Sincerely,

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