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SUBJECT: Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for Treatment of Class A Low-Level Radioactive Waste and Mixed Low-Level Waste (LLW) Generated at the West Valley Demonstration Project (WVDP)

REFERENCE: Memorandum 2064:95:03, J. P. Hamric to T. J. Rowland, "Approval of EA for the Treatment of Class A LLW and Mixed LLW Generated by the WVDP, and Issuance of Associated FONSI," dated November 29, 1995

Dear Stakeholder:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has issued a FONSI (enclosed) for the proposal to treat Class A low-level radioactive waste and mixed LLW generated at the WVDP at off-site U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) licensed facilities.

On October 12, 1994, WVDP distributed a draft environmental assessment (EA) of the proposal for your review and comment - DOE/EA-1071, "Environmental Assessment for the Treatment of Class A Low-Level Radioactive Waste and Mixed Low-Level Waste Generated at the West Valley Demonstration Project." Enclosed you will find a copy of the final EA, which now includes responses to the 54 public comments that were submitted (Appendix A).

During the process of high-level waste solidification, low-level radioactive waste and mixed LLW will result and must be properly managed. It is estimated that the WVDP's storage facilities will reach capacity in 1996. Treatment of this Class A low-level radioactive waste and mixed LLW at NRC-licensed off-site facilities will provide sufficient safe storage of LLW until disposal options become available, and partially fulfill requirements under the Federal Facility Compliance Act (FFCA).

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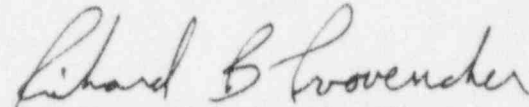
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Sincerely,

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