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Dear Mr. Glenn:

Enclosed is the June 1988 monthly report for FIN A1763. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at (FTS) 844-8368.

Sincerely,

*Robert M. Cranwell*

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**Program:** Evaluation, Validation, Verification, FIN: A1763  
and Documentation of the IMPACTS-BRC  
Computer Code.

**Contractor:** Sandia National BUDGET PERIOD: 10/87 -9/88  
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**NRC PROGRAM MANAGER:** C. J. Glenn BUDGET AMOUNT: \$150K

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#### PROJECT OBJECTIVES

To validate, verify, document and make code changes as necessary so as to provide the NRC with a documented and defensible version of IMPACTS-BRC for subsequent use in BRC petitions.

#### ACTIVITIES DURING JUNE 1988

The IMPACTS-BRC code supplied by the Argonne National Code Center was tried and made to run on 8088 and 8086 CPU PC's. The code supplied had been compiled to run without a math coprocessor. The supplied source code was modified slightly in order to compile in Microsoft FORTRAN 4.1, but only the non-math coprocessor version was executable due to a "bug" in Microsoft FORTRAN.

In performing the BRC-LLW documentation overview, it became evident that the PATHRAE AND PATH61 PC codes would be useful for the comparison aspects of the required IMPACTS-BRC review. These codes were ordered and acquired from V. Rogers and RSIC, respectively.

Meetings were held at Sandia National Laboratories, Albuquerque (SNLA) with Clarence Lee, Applied Physics, Incorporated (API), Jeff Philbin, Gene Emerson, and Robert Cranwell (SNLA) on June 3, 23 and 30. Clarence Lee is a contractor working on this project, Jeff Philbin is a Sandia staff member providing part-time assistance, and Gene Emerson is the former principal investigator. The purpose of these meetings was to provide input on the progress being made and to initiate a plan for completing

Task 1: September 1, 1988  
Task 2: October 15, 1988  
Task 3: January 15, 1989  
Task 4: March 15, 1989  
Task 5: April 1, 1989

We have kept the completion date of the project April 1, 1989 as was originally proposed in the 189. Every effort will be made to meet this deadline. We realize that this is an ambitious schedule but feel that with a concentrated effort and with the right key personnel we can accomplish the goals and produce an excellent product.

The selection of a new principal investigator is being finalized and should be completed by the end of July. You will be notified as soon as selection has been made.