State of California Health and Welfare Agency Department of Health Services 714/744 P Street Sacramento, California 95814

Attention: Dr. Kenneth Kizer, Director

Department of Health Services

Gentlemen:

Subject: NRC APPRAISAL OF ACTIVITIES PERFORMED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT

OF HEALTH SERY PURSUANT TO CONTRACT MRC-22-83-684.

This letter refers to the appraisal by Mr. W. TenBrook and Mr. S. Block of environmental monitoring activities conducted by the Department of Healtin Services in the vicinity of nuclear power facilities in the State of California pursuant to contract NRC-32-83-684. This appraisal included visits to the Sanitation and Radiation Laboratory on August 31, 1988 and the Environmental Management Branch offices on September 19, 1988. The preliminary results of the appraisal were conveyed during discussions held by Mr. TanBrook with Mr. B. Tamplin, Mr. D. Womeldorf and other members of your staff at the conclusion of each appraisal visit.

The scope, findings and conclusions of the appraisal are documented in the attached report. Within the scope of the appraisal, the State of California has performed satisfactorily. However, the appraisal identified items which did not meet all the conditions of the cooperative agreement. Specific actions intended to remedy these deficiencies are described in Section 8 of the appraisal report.

We also direct your attention to the portions of the appraisal regarding the status of laboratory facilities and staffing. Our appraisal indicates that your continued attention is needed in these areas to assure that the Sanitation and Radiation Laboratory will continue to effectively perform the measurements required by the cooperative agreement, given the large scope of the Laboratory's overall mission.

Should you have any questions concerning this appraisal or the NRC/State cooperative agreement, we will be glad to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:
Performance Appraisal Report No. NRC-32-83-684/88-01

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