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Office of Nuclear Material Safety
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Reference: 1) NRC Letter; J. Linehan to W. Purcell, dated
August 25, 1986.
2) DOE Letter; R. Stein to B. J. Youngblood,
dated January 20, 1988.

Dear Mr. Youngblood:

Enclosed for NRC staff review and approval is the NNWSI Quality Assurance Plan, NNWSI/88-9, Revision 0 (formerly NVO-196-17).

This document addresses the NRC comments on NVO-196-17, Revision 4 (Reference 1 above), as identified in the proposed DOE dispositions to the subject NRC comments forwarded to your office on January 20, 1988 (Reference 2 above) and as discussed in the DOE/NRC Comment Resolution Meeting held March 18, 1988.

This Plan has been reviewed and approved at OCRWM-HQ by R. P. Saget, Acting Director, Office of Quality Assurance. We would like to note that the Plan will be revised, as appropriate, at the completion and issuance of the OCRWM-HQ Quality Assurance Requirements document. The development of this OCRWM Requirements document will ensure that the NRC GTP/NUREG guidance, the OCRWM Director's Statement on Quality Assurance, and those controls from the draft ANSI/ASME Standard NQA-3, as deemed appropriate by OCRWM, are incorporated into the program.



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We look forward to obtaining your approval of NNWSI/88-9, in order to provide a baseline for the WMPO QA Program in support of subsequent OCRWM Program activities.

Should you have any questions, please contact Ed Regnier of my staff at (202) 586-4690.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ralph Stein".

Ralph Stein
Acting Associate Director for Systems
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Enclosure