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Dear Mr. Mabrito:

We have reviewed the Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses' (CNWRA's) December 16, 1999, letter to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) which transmitted draft input to the NRC Observation Audit Report No. QAR-00-02 for the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE's) audit of the Waste Package Process Model Reports at its Las Vegas, Nevada, facilities on November 8-12, 1999. Based on our review of this input, we consider that the CNWRA's December 16, 1999, submittal fulfills the Intermediate Milestone Number 20.01402.331.011 for support during the NRC's observation activities for the DOE Waste Package audit.

If you have any questions regarding the above comments, please contact me at (301) 415-5000. I appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,
[Original signed by:]
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