Mr. Paul H. Lohaus, Director Office of State Programs U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Dear Mr. Lohaus:

December 6, 1999

We have received and reviewed the draft Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program (IMPEP) report enclosed with your letter of November 4, 1999.

We agree with the findings, assessment, and recommendations of the IMPEP review team. We appreciate the opportunity to review and comment on the draft report at this stage of the process. Some minor typological errors of the draft report will be conveyed directly from my staff to Mr. Duncan White, the leader of the IMPEP review team for the California program.

We will be happy to meet with the Management Review Board on this IMPEP review the week of December 20, 1999.

Sincerely,

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