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December 6, 1999

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

Dear Mr. Lohaus:

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James W. Stratton".

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