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SUBJECT: INPUT FOR OBSERVATION AUDIT REPORT QAR-00-06, ENGINEERED  
BARRIER SYSTEM PROCESS MODEL REPORT - MILESTONE  
IM20.1402.331.015

Dear Mr. Mabrito:

We have reviewed the Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses' (CNWRA's) March 8, 2000, letter to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) which transmitted pre-decisional input to the NRC input for Observation Audit Report No. QAR-00-06 for the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE's) audit of the Engineered Barrier System Process Model Report (PMR) at its Las Vegas, Nevada, facilities on February 7-11, 2000. Based on our review of this input, we consider that the CNWRA's March 8, 2000, submittal fulfills the Intermediate Milestone Number 20.01402.331.015 for support during the NRC's observation activities for the DOE Engineered Barrier System PMR 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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