

EXHIBIT 1

ITEM OF INTEREST TO THE COMMISSION

Observation of the Department of Energy Audit of the Waste Form Process Model Report

On January 31-February 4, 2000, staff from the Division of Waste Management observed the Department of Energy's (DOE's), Office of Quality Assurance audit of the Waste Form Process Model Report (PMR). The audit was conducted at the Yucca Mountain project office in Las Vegas, Nevada. Four analysis model reports (AMRs) supporting the Waste Form PMR were selected for review during the audit. The scope of the AMRs included an assessment of the technical adequacy of the initial cladding condition and colloid source term abstraction, and colloid stability and attachment properties. No deficiencies were identified during the audit. The audit resulted in several recommendations on improving the AMR process.

No data qualification activities were reviewed during the audit. DOE provided information on the progress in reaching its goal of having 50 percent of the data supporting the Site Recommendation Considerations Report qualified by May 2000. On January 31, 2000, DOE had fully qualified 231 data sets or data tracking numbers (DTNs) out of a projected 1600 DTNs.