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February 4, 1997

SUBJECT: U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION STAFF REVIEW OF CONNECTICUT
LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE PROGRAM QUALITY ASSURANCE PLAN

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Based on discussions my staff has had with you on this topic, we understand that this review would focus on the principal elements of the plan to identify significant issues or concerns. The staff would not conduct an in-depth review similar to the type we would conduct as part of a formal license application review. We estimate that a review of this scope would require approximately 40 staff-hours. At our currently billing rate of \$120/hr, the review would cost \$4,800. We will not begin our review until we receive your written authorization to proceed.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact my Project Manager for this review, Mr. James Kennedy, at 301-415-6668.

Sincerely,

[ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:]

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