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Subject: CNWRA Program Manager's Periodic Report on Activities of the
Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses for Period 5-FY97

Dear Mr. Linehan:

The attached "Program Manager's Periodic Report" (PMPR) documents the progress and financial status of the Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses (CNWRA) for the period January 18, 1997 through February 14, 1997. Its contents comply with the requirements of section F.1.5. of the referenced contract. A diskette containing the PMPR in WordPerfect 5.1 format is also enclosed.

Cost variance analyses are provided for the Division of Waste Management (DWM) (D1035), Waste Solidification Systems (L1793), and Tank Waste Remediation System (J5164) Job Codes, as well as for composite spending on this contract. Note that all variances are expressed with regard to currently approved CNWRA Operations Plans.

Schedule changes are included in table 2 of the PMPR. Five deliverables were transmitted during period 5.

Although our teleconference of February 19, 1997 occurred in period 6, the CNWRA believes it is prudent to document its results in this PMPR. The CNWRA prepared a paper entitled Status of Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses Expenditures Related to the Repository Program to support these discussions. The paper addressed NRC concerns about cost and schedule variances in CNWRA Operations and the DWM key technical issues as of period 5. These variances were discussed in the context of the defined scope of work, current staffing and hiring plans, and similar considerations affecting expenditure of Nuclear Regulatory Commission funds during FY97.

Please contact me or Mr. Henry Garcia if you have questions regarding this report.

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