

## UNITED STATES NUCLEAR WASTE TECHNICAL REVIEW BOARD

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Dr. Margaret S. Y. Chu Director Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management U.S. Department of Energy 1000 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20585

Dear Dr. Chu:

As you requested, I am transmitting a compilation of Board comments on thermal loading to you and to John Arthur. This document is an updated version of a similar compilation that was provided to OCRWM about two years ago. As you will see, since the Board's first report in 1990, thermal loading has been and continues to be an important issue for the Board.

Thank you again for participating in the Board's January meeting and for your interest in the work of the Board. If you have any questions about the enclosed material, please call Bill Barnard or me.

Sincerely,

{Signed by}

Michael L. Corradini Chairman