

February 28, 2005

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SUBJECT: U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION OBSERVATION AUDIT REPORT  
NO. OAR-05-01, OBSERVATION AUDIT OF THE OFFICE OF QUALITY  
ASSURANCE AUDIT OCRWMP-OQA-05-20 OF BECHTEL SAIC  
COMPANY, LLC

Dear Mr. Brown:

I am transmitting the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Observation Audit Report No. OAR-05-01. This report is about the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Quality Assurance, audit of Bechtel SAIC Company, LLC (BSC) conducted at the BSC facility in Las Vegas, Nevada. The audit team conducted this audit on January 24-28, 2005.

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A written response to this letter and the enclosed report is not required; however. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Thomas Matula at 301-415-6700.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Elmo Collins, Deputy Director  
Division of High-Level Waste Repository Safety  
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Enclosure:

The U.S. NRC Observation Audit Report OAR-05-01, Observation Audit of the Office of Quality Assurance Audit OCRWMP-OQA-05-20 of Bechtel SAIC Company, LLC

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