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August 31, 2001

Fred Combs, Deputy Director Office of State and Tribal Programs Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Dear Mr. Combs:

This is to confirm your participation in the 2001 annual meeting of the Organization of Agreement States (OAS) meeting to be held in Santa Fe, New Mexico from October 8 -10, 2001. We have scheduled a discussion entitled: "How Can We Make the Working Group Process Work Better?" starting at 9:30 a.m. on October 10, 2001 in the Mesa Ballroom of the Santa Fe Hilton. It was indicated to us that Susan Frant of NMSS/IMNS may also participate on behalf of the NRC. I have also spoken to Chip Cameron who will facilitate the discussion. The purpose of the discussion is for the NRC and Agreement States to identify positives, gaps, and/or improvements needed in the Working Group process. As part of your participation, you and/or Susan may want to provide the NRC perspective on this important issue. Stan Fitch, OAS Meeting Host will be conducting this particular session of the meeting and will introduce you. You may want to provide Stan with a short vita or resume prior to the meeting so he may properly introduce you. He can be reached by E mail at <a href="mailto:stanley\_fitch@nmenv.state.nm.us">stanley\_fitch@nmenv.state.nm.us</a> We have allotted you 30 minutes of time for the discussion. We hope for significant interaction among the Agreement State attendees on this issue. Stan will be in contact in the future regarding any necessary arrangements for the meeting.

We appreciate your willingness to come and discuss this important topic. We will look forward to seeing you in Santa Fe. If you need any more information, please contact me directly at (801)-536-4255 or by e mail at <u>bsinclai@deq.state.ut.us</u>

Sincerely,

William J. Sinclair Chair Elect Organization of Agreement States

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