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Dear Mr. Bechtel:

SUBJECT: U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION (NRC) FIELD TRIP TO LUNAR CRATERS VOLCANIC FIELD

On April 27, 1991, Dr. Kenneth Foland of Ohio State, a consultant to NRC's Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW), will lead an NRC field trip to the Lunar Craters volcanic field in Central Nevada. Dr. Foland conducted a study of the isotopic variations in space and time among basalts of the Lunar Craters volcanic field under a National Science Foundation grant during the period from 1985 to 1988.

This trip was planned as an opportunity for the ACNW members to become familiar with Dr. Foland and his work in Nevada. However, representatives of a number of organizations involved in the U.S. high-level waste program have expressed an interest in participating in this field trip. The NRC is willing to accommodate requests for participation to the extent practical and is by means of this letter extending an invitation for participation to those organizations who have either already expressed an interest or who might be interested in participation in this trip. However, it is essential that the total number of attendees be kept small, not only because of logistical considerations, but also so that those in attendance can obtain the maximum benefits from interaction with Dr. Foland and with the other attendees. Hence, I am requesting that each organization limit its proposed attendance to one person unless there are compelling reasons for requesting that more than one person be allowed to attend.

The itinerary for the trip is as follows: departure from Las Vegas April 26; overnight stay in Tonopah, Nevada; a long day at the Lunar Craters field April 27; overnight stay in Tonopah; return to Las Vegas April 28.

This field trip is not an NRC-DOE technical exchange or technical meeting and does not fall under the NRC-DOE protocols for such interactions (i.e., this is not a public meeting). Hence, this letter is not meant to constitute a public meeting notice nor will the field trip be announced on the NRC meeting line.

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The NRC contact for this field trip is Charlotte Abrams, ACNW (FTS/301 492-8371). Please contact her concerning participation in and arrangements for this trip.

Sincerely,

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