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Dear Mr. Roberts:

SUBJECT: MINUTES FROM THE MAY 19, 1992, INTERACTIONS SCHEDULING MEETING

Enclosed are the minutes from the May 19, 1992, interactions scheduling meeting (see Enclosure 1). The purpose of the meeting was to schedule future interactions in the area of high-level waste management between the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) staff during the July to November 1992 time frame. At the meeting, NRC and DOE staff agreed to the scheduling of seven interactions. The following topic areas were agreed upon: format and content of DOE Yucca Mountain study plans; NRC's "Three Bucket Approach" for implementation of 40 CFR 191; DOE's approach to resolving volcanism-related study plan and site characterization concerns; Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses application of systems engineering to the high-level waste program; NRC's observation of DOE's Waste Isolation Pilot Project round table discussion; and DOE's total system performance assessment results. DOE also agreed to investigate the scheduling of one additional interaction, covering DOE's progress in evaluating faulting, in June. The technical exchange on volcanism was divided into two separate interactions, scheduled for August and November, allowing NRC and DOE technical staff to review and respond to issues raised in the first meeting. Additionally, the technical exchange on faulting was tentatively scheduled for June, pending DOE's ability to support this interaction at Las Vegas, NV. Due to the limited time frame to schedule the remaining interactions, the technical exchanges on glass waste and saturated zone were postponed until early 1993.

During the meeting, a procedural agreement overview was distributed to participants in preparation for the June 2, 1992, meeting on this subject (see Enclosure 2). The purpose of this summary was to provide DOE staff a current status of those items which still remain unresolved in the procedural agreement.

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The next interactions scheduling meeting is planned for November 18, 1992, at NRC headquarters. If you have any questions on the enclosed minutes, please feel free to contact Bob Carlson, the NRC staff Project Manager responsible for the meeting. He can be reached at (301) 504-2435.

Sincerely,

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