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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON AGENDA FOR EPA-NRC MOU MEETING

As requested, I have reviewed the draft agenda for the next EPA-NRC MOU meeting scheduled for 10:00, September 10. I have two suggestions:

1. Mr. Youngblood and I would like to attend the meeting because of the relevance of the discussion to the development of the High-Level Waste Standard.
2. We have repeatedly advised EPA of the need to compare the risks of its high-level waste standards to other risks and standards, and expect to do so again before the September 10 meeting. To date, EPA has resisted providing such comparisons. Since this meeting focuses on harmonization of risk goals, I suggest that a short NRC statement be made under the agenda item "Status of Rulemakings, High-Level Waste Standards," reiterating our view that such comparisons are needed before EPA can gain acceptance of its standards by the technical community.

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