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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WASTE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555

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Mr. Dwight E. Shelor
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Dear Mr. Shelor:

This letter is in response to your proposal to Dr. Moeller for planning interactions between the Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) and the Department of Energy, as requested in your letter to the NRC staff dated July 30, 1993. The ACNW appreciates your recommendations for early planning and scheduling to increase efficiency, especially in these times of resource reductions. As you know, discussions with the ACNW should not be considered as a replacement for interactions with the NRC staff. Briefings for the ACNW following DOE/NRC interactions are often useful and appropriate, especially on key issues related to the proposed repository at the Yucca Mountain site. To this end, we will be receptive to your scheduling recommendations.

Should you or your staff have any questions specific to ACNW activities or plans, I encourage you to contact me or members of my staff. The ACNW conducts its business in an open and public setting, and as such, the ACNW's planned activities are published on a monthly basis in the Federal Register. In preparing for a formal or working group meeting, we will continue to coordinate specific meeting issues with the appropriate groups in the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM) and the NRC offices, on those topics having to do with the HLW disposal programs. We will attempt to ensure that there is sufficient time for proper preparation for ACNW-sponsored exchanges, however, please let us know if timing does present a problem. Every effort will be made to accommodate the needs of your staff.

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Should you have any questions regarding this transmittal, please contact me (301-492-8049) or Mr. Giorgio Gnugnoli (301-492-9851) of my staff.

Sincerely,



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