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Dear Dr. Thompson:

The 3rd International High-Level Radioactive Waste Management Conference is planned for 12-16 April 1992 in Las Vegas, Nevada. I have been asked by the Conference Program Committee to organize two sessions for this meeting:

- o Performance Assessment - Recent Worldwide Progress: Recent performance assessment studies from other countries.
- o Performance Assessment - Interdisciplinary Examples: Integration/communication between performance assessment, scientific disciplines that support performance assessment, and users of performance assessment results.

I am contacting possible contributors to these sessions to stimulate their submission of papers. Under the rules of the IHLRWM I am not empowered to invite papers for these sessions; only the Program Committee Chairman can do so.

I believe the Department of Environment (DoE) could make very valuable contributions to the meeting in either or both of these sessions. We in the United States and, indeed, the worldwide performance assessment community have been following with great interest the progress made by the DoE and its contractors in performance assessment methodology and modeling. An update on the current status of the DoE performance assessment program would be appropriate for the first session. A contribution to the second session would also be appreciated either: (1) on how the DoE intends to use performance assessment for site evaluation or to evaluate site characterization activities, or (2) on how performance assessment draws together various scientific disciplines for the purpose of making regulatory decisions. I think that if the DoE would contribute papers on one or both of these topics, such papers would make a major contribution to the success of the meeting.

I have learned that the deadline for submittal of the extended summaries has

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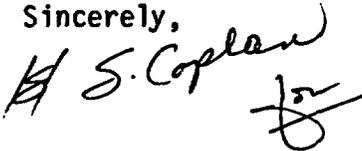
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been extended to 1 October 1991. I have enclosed the original Call for Papers. If there is anything I can do to facilitate submission of papers to this meeting, please let me know.

Sincerely,



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