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Mr. Dwight E. Shelor, Associate Director  
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Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management  
U.S. Department of Energy RW-30  
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Shelor:

SUBJECT: MINUTES FROM THE MAY 30, 1991 INTERACTIONS SCHEDULING MEETING

Enclosed are the minutes from the May 30, 1991 interactions scheduling meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to schedule future interactions in the area of high-level waste management between the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff during the June to November 1991 time frame. At the meeting the NRC staff and DOE agreed to the scheduling of seven interactions covering: (1) data management; (2) Waste Isolation Pilot Plan (WIPP) round-table discussion; (3) waste form - glass; (4) procedural agreements; (5) Exploratory Studies Facility (ESF) design status; (6) scenario development and construction of complementary cumulative distribution function (CCDF); and (7) regulatory strategy. There was agreement by both parties on the need for several additional interactions on pertinent topics to be scheduled in 1992.

In addition to scheduling the aforementioned interactions, the NRC staff and DOE discussed several other topics of interest. Foremost among these was NRC's role in the WIPP round-table discussion. As was discussed between you and Mr. Joe Holonich of my staff during your June 28, 1991 telephone conversation, it is important that the NRC staff have an opportunity to participate in this workshop by being able to ask questions on relevant issues. You agreed that the ability to pose questions should be available to the NRC staff. You further stated that there would be at least a formal 45 minute period on the agenda at the end of the session to allow for questions, in addition to being able to discuss issues informally during breaks. The NRC staff believes that such a question and answer session would be responsive to its need for participation.

Although the enclosed minutes reflect that the WIPP roundtable discussion was scheduled for August 28, 1991, since the meeting this interaction has been moved. Presently, it is tentatively planned for October 1991. However, a final date still needs to be set.

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The next interactions scheduling meeting is planned for November 20, 1991 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) 492-0435.

Sincerely,

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