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To better understand the scope and goal of the panel discussions and what you expect from NRC's participation in such a roundtable, Dr. Philip Justus of the High Level Waste Branch telephoned you the week of July 14. Based on those discussions, I understand that panel organizers need more time to make decisions and provide NRC with specific information on such issues as: (1) purpose, goals, type, and conduct of the panel discussion; (2) expectations for NRC's participation; (3) other participants and their roles and topics; and (4) panel logistics such as time allocations. We understand that you will contact NRC again on this matter, later this summer, to provide further details, as you and Dr. Justus discussed. After considering the additional information, NRC will decide whether it will participate in the panel discussion.

Thank you for your interest in NRC's participation. We look forward to further discussions on this matter. Feel free to contact Dr. Philip Justus, High Level Waste Branch. He can be reached at 301-415-5669 or e-mail: [psj@nrc.gov](mailto:psj@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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