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Washington, D.C. 20545



Dear Dr. Coffman:

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I request that you provide me with the details of the plans for these activities that will form the basis for your FY84 budget, and which include as a minimum: the dates for your submittal to us of each Site Characterization Report; initiation of shaft construction; selection of a site for a repository; the schedule for in-situ test facilities; the date for submittal of a license application; and your anticipated dates for construction authorization and a license to receive waste.

As we will begin FY84 budget preparation on March 31, I request that this information be provided by that date.

Original Signed by
John B. Martin

John B. Martin, Director
Division of Waste Management

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As we will be testifying before the House Energy and Water Development Subcommittee on March 22nd, I would appreciate receiving this information by Thursday, March 18, and promptly receiving revisions as they are made.

John B. Martin, Director
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