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Mr. Robert Loux, Director  
Nuclear Waste Project Office  
1802 North Carson Street  
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Dear Mr. Loux:

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The Center is approaching a point where it needs specific information from the State of Nevada regarding the State's technical programs. I would appreciate your help in arranging a meeting between our staffs, to take place within the next few months, to identify the information required by the Center and discuss how to best obtain this information. NRC staff will also provide your staff with further information on the system being developed by the Center.

Mr. John Linehan in the Division of High-Level Waste Management will be the contact to arrange the meeting. He can be reached by phone at 301-492-3387.

Sincerely,

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Robert E. Browning, Director  
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