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Dear Mr. Linehan:

This is in response to your letter of August 19, 1988, concerning need for a meeting between the Department of Energy (DOE) and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) on open items related to design or construction of the exploratory shaft facility (ESF). We agree that such a meeting is needed and have been discussing the dates of October 18, 19 and 20, 1988, with your staff.

The proposed agenda, which was attached to your letter, covers the same topics we have felt were appropriate subjects for the meeting. We will discuss details of the agenda with King Stablein of your staff and firm up arrangements as quickly as possible.

We look forward to meeting with you.

Sincerely,

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