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In my March 31 memorandum to you, I described the steps that had been taken toward arranging a site visit to NTS and noted that I expected to meet that evening with Mitchell Kunich, DOE's project manager. The purpose of this note is to summarize arrangements that have been made since my March 31 memorandum.

The March 31 meeting was held as planned. In addition to Kunich and myself, the participants were John Greeves representing NRC and Richard Lincoln of Sandia National Laboratory and Michael Glora representing DOE. There was mutual agreement to a three day site visit that would include a site tour the first day and meetings the second and third days. Tentative stops during the site tour would include the core shack and the Yucca Mountain site. Representatives of the USGS would provide commentary.

Meetings on the second day would be organized around issue-oriented working groups (tentatively, geologic stability, hydrogeology and modeling, and geomechanics). In the working groups, NNWSI would probably be represented by the appropriate Technical Project Officers (TPOs). The TPOs would describe the status of topics to be agreed to by Kunich and myself. The topics would be taken from a tentative list that was proposed by NRC in early March. During the third day there would be a discussion of matters related to the SCR (a presentation by NRC might be included).

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Regarding the timing, Kunich said that he would arrange for a visit either April 28, 29, and 30 or the third week in May. Kunich agreed to call me on April 7 with both a date and his recommendation for meeting topics. Subsequent discussion on April 5 between Kunich and myself has resulted in agreement on the third week in May as the week for the site visit.

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