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Mr. William W. Coons Executive Director Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board 1111 18th Street NW, Suite 801 Washington, D. C. 20036

Dear Mr. Coons:

Enclosed per our discussion, are the minutes of the July 26 meeting between the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and the U. S. Department of Energy (DOE) at which the staffs agreed on tentative interactions through the end of 1989. Attachment 3 to the minutes lists the specific dates and topics for the tentative interactions.

The NRC has a toll-free recording service which announces the current status of upcoming meetings concerning the high-level waste program. The number is 1-800-368-5642, Extension 20436 or 492-0436 in the Washington, D. C. area.

Sincerely,

John J. Linehan, Director Repository Licensing and Quality Assurance Project Directorate Division of High-Level Waste Management

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Mr. Ralph Stein, Associate Director Office of Systems Integration and Regulations Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management U. S. Department of Energy, RW-24 Washington, D. C. 20545

Dear Mr. Stein:

SUBJECT: MINUTES FROM JULY 26, 1989 MEETING TO DISCUSS INTERACTIONS

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with the minutes from the July 26, 1989 meeting between staff from the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and representatives from the U. S. Department of Energy (DOE). The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and schedule interactions between August and December 1989. Overall, the meeting resulted in 16 interactions being tentatively scheduled.

The types of interactions considered were either Technical Exchanges, Meetings, or Site Visits. In my letter dated July 21, 1989 I defined what the scope of each of these interactions would be and provided a proposed lists of interactions through December 1990. Although the meeting resulted in establishing tentative dates and scopes for the interactions through December 1989, the staff and DOE will still need to work together to develop a final agenda for each meeting and confirm the tentative dates. As with all NRC/DOE interactions, the staff will notice the interactions, and they will be open to the public to participate as observers. Also, it was decided to schedule and evaluate interactions beyond December 1989 at the next interactions meeting scheduled for October 31, 1989.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Joe Holonich of my staff. He can be reached at FTS 492-3403 or (301) 492-3403.

Sincerely,

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John J. Linehan, Director Repository Licensing and Quality Assurance Project Directorate Division of High-Level Waste Management

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ENCLOSURE

July 26, 1989 Interactions Meeting Minutes

On July 26, 1989, staff from the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) met with representatives from the U. S. Department of Energy (DOE). The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and schedule, with participation of affected-units-of-local governments, future interactions between NRC and DOE. However, no representatives from the State of Nevada or affected-units-of-local governments attended. Attachment 1 is a list of attendees.

Prior to scheduling any interactions, agreement was reached on the types of interactions that would occur and what was encompassed in these interactions. It was agreed that the definitions of the types of interactions would be similar to the ones given by NRC in its July 21, 1989 letter on the subject. In particular, the following definitions were used.

- 1. Technical Exchanges were considered to be meetings to discuss the technical aspects of a given topic. Attendance at these would be mostly individuals doing the work. No official positions, actions, or commitments would be taken by either organization. These meetings would allow each organization to gain insight into the technical work being done.
- Meetings would be more structured than Technical Exchanges and official positions or commitments (exclusive of policy) could be taken by NRC and/or DOE.
- 3. Site Visits would be Technical Exchanges that took place in the field and would be used to gain orientation in or more knowledge of field activities.

Besides using the definitions, further amplification was made on what would be involved in a Technical Exchange. It was agreed that Technical Exchanges would be noticed and interaction records would be prepared following the exchange. However, these would be forums where open exchanges of information would take place. The number of participants would generally be limited to less than 10 people, and the participants would have to understand that the opinion being expressed was that of the individual participants present at the exchange not necessarily official agency positions. For either a Technical Exchange or Meeting, any official position or commitments of the agency would have to be documented in a letter.

During the meeting, DOE provided a copy of its proposed schedule for interactions through December 1989, a copy of which is in Attachment 2. Based on the information discussed at the meeting, a set of interactions and schedules was established for August 1989 through December 1989. Attachment 3 contains a list of the interactions. Although the staff and DOE established tentative dates for the interactions, it was agreed that they would need to work together to develop the final agendas, confirm the dates, and identify the participants. Additionally, the staff and DOE revised the scope of several interactions identified in the July 21, 1989 NRC letter for a few meetings, and agreed to finalize the agendas at a later date.

The NRC staff noted that with all of the interactions, a notice would have to be issued and the interactions would be open to the public to participate as observers.

For interactions that need to be held in 1990, it was agreed that the NRC list provided in its July 21, 1989 letter represented an appropriate set of interactions. Specific dates for the meetings beyond December 1989 would have to be set at the next interactions meeting scheduled for October 31, 1989.

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Attachment 1

July 26, 1989 Attendance List

NRC

- J. Holonich
- M. Delligatti
- P. Justus
 B. Youngblood
- M. Nataraja
- J. Bunting
- S. Coplan
- J. Randall
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- N. Trask
- G. Roseboom

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- L. Little
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- R. Stein
- D. Dobson
- S. Brocoum
- M. Blanchard
- G. Appel
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Attachment 3

Tentative Interactions August through December 1989

Date	Interaction	Туре	
AUGUST			
10 and 11	Core Drilling with Air	Site Visit	
15	Substantially Complete Containment	Exchange	
30	Tectonics	Meeting	
SEPTEMBER			
21	Calico Hills Plan	Exchange	
21	Anticipated and Unanticipated Processes and Events	Exchange	
26	Tectonics	Exchange	
OCTOBER			
3 and 4	Exploratory Shaft Facility (ESF) - 10 CFR Part 60 Flowdown - Integration with repository	Exchange	
11 and 12	Technical Assessment Review of ESF Anomaly	Exchange	
25	Container Material	Exchange	
25 and 26	Tectonics	Exchange	
31	Interactions Scheduling Meeting	Meeting	
NOVEMBER			
1	Data Management	Exchange	
15	Performance Assessment Integration into Site Characterization	Meeting	
28 and 29	Tectonics	Exchange	
DECEMBER			
7	ESF Testing	Exchange	
13	Scenario Development	Exchange	