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Robert Browning, Director
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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Browning:

We have arranged with your staff to hold workshops during the week of March 21, 1988, at the NRC offices in the White Flint North Building in Rockville, Maryland, as part of the consultations on the Consultation Draft Site Characterization Plan for the Yucca Mountain site.

We will discuss the major NRC comments in each technical area in a series of workshops of about a half-day each. An approximate schedule for discussion of the various technical areas is enclosed. The times on this schedule may change if certain topics are completed more quickly or take longer than scheduled. In preparation for the workshops, you have agreed to provide us with comments by March 7.

The background materials for these workshops consist of the relevant CD-SCP chapters, along with the NRC staff comments discussed above.

We are inviting the State of Nevada by copy of this letter to participate fully in these workshops. I request that you also provide your comments directly to the State of Nevada to assist them in preparation for the workshops.

If you have any questions about these workshops, please call Edward Regnier on 586-4959.

Sincerely,

Ralph Stein

Ralph Stein, Acting Director
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Enclosure (Schedule)

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SCHEDULE FOR SCP/CD Workshops

March 21-24, 1988

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| Monday: | 1) Performance Assessment |
| | 2) Engineering |
| Tuesday: | 1) Geology/Geophysics |
| | 2) Hydrology |
| Wednesday: | 1) Waste Package |
| | 2) Geochemistry |
| Thursday:
(1/2 day) | 1) QA |