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Mr. Ralph Stein, Acting Associate Director
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Dear Mr. Stein:

At the April 13, 1988 NRC-DOE management meeting held in conjunction with the Alternative Conceptual Models Workshop, the NRC proposed a number of topics for NRC-DOE technical meetings and discussed in detail with DOE management the specific purpose and objective of each meeting. As discussed in the meeting, the topics proposed were those which, based upon NRC review of the Consultation Draft Site Characterization Plan (CDSCP), the NRC staff considered to be areas where consultation between NRC and DOE was needed prior to finalization of the Site Characterization Plan (SCP) or to start of new site characterization activities in those areas. A meeting on one topic, exploratory shaft facility (ESF) location, design, and construction, took place July 18-19, 1988 and the schedule for another meeting in the near future on ESF open items is currently being discussed by NRC and DOE management. However, dates also need to be agreed upon soon for meetings on the following topics: compliance with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Standard (40 CFR Part 191.13); substantially complete containment; determination of groundwater travel time; geologic characterization of the repository block; tectonics; and seismicity characterization methodology. In addition, the meeting that DOE had tentatively scheduled for August 1988 wherein DOE planned to explain how it would address the concerns expressed in NRC's CDSCP point papers should be scheduled promptly.

The NRC is prepared to meet with DOE on the above topics as soon as DOE is ready. I look forward to early receipt from you of a proposed schedule for these meetings. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact King Stablein (FTS 492-0446) of my staff.

Sincerely,

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