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Dear Mr. Linehan:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm our previous conversation regarding a DOE/NRC meeting to discuss the DOE/YMPO study plans and to resolve issues contained in your letter of August 5, 1988. As the NRC is aware, the DOE/NRC Level-of-Detail Agreement (May 7-8, 1986) defines the content requirements for the SCP and study plans. Study plans are companion documents to the SCP and were intended to supply additional detail to the SCP. During the preparation and review of several study plans, a number of issues have been identified. The DOE feels that it would be productive to discuss these issues with the NRC prior to release of the SCP and prior to release of additional study plans for NRC review.

Topics for discussion during the proposed meeting would include: clarification of the purpose and content of study plans; application of the Level-of-Detail Agreements; the process involved in the preparation and review of study plans within the DOE; the schedule for release of study plans; and future DOE/NRC interactions for the review of study plans and technical procedures. In addition, the DOE would like to discuss NRC's comments on the study plans already submitted to the NRC including quality assurance issues (reference letter Linehan (NRC) to Stein (DOE), dated August 5, 1988).

Per our telephone conversation of October 28, 1988, a tentative date of December 15-16, 1988, has been established for the subject meeting. Please respond to my office to confirm this date. An agenda and formal announcement for the meeting will follow after we have finalized the meeting arrangements.

If you have any questions or would like to further discuss this issue, please contact me at 586-6046, or Gordon Appel at 586-1462.

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