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Mr. Sam Rouso, Acting Director
Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste
Management
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Mr. Rouso:

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The Center is approaching a point where it needs specific information from DOE. I would appreciate your help in arranging a meeting between our staffs during the next three weeks to identify the information the Center needs and discuss how to best obtain this information. NRC staff will also provide your staff with further information on the system being developed by the Center.

Mr. John Linehan in the Division of High-Level Waste Management will be the contact to arrange the meeting. He can be reached on 492-3387.

Sincerely,

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for

Hugh L. Thompson, Jr., Director
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards

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Mr. John Linehan in the Division of High-Level Waste Management will be the contact to arrange the meeting. Mr. Joseph Bunting is the NRC Project Manager for the Center and will also be involved.

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Hugh L. Thompson, Jr., Director
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The Center is approaching a point in the development of its system where it needs specific information from DOE. I would like our appropriate staff to meet, at a time convenient to you, during the next three weeks to discuss how we might identify and obtain this information and also to provide you and your staff further information on the system being developed by the Center.

Sincerely,

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cc: J. Funches

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