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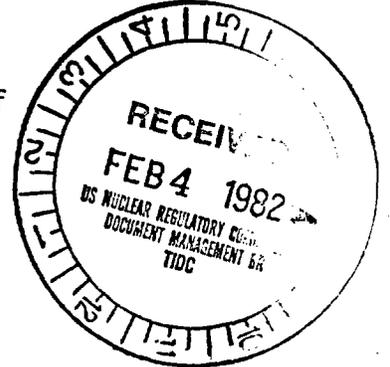
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Dear Bill:

Thank you for meeting with us on the 14th and for sharing information on the hydrology of the Columbia River Plateau. Thanks, too, for arranging to involve members of the Department of Ecology and the Department of Social and Health Services. That expanded, for us, the usefulness of the meeting.

Two copies of our report on the September 1981 visit to the Baggalt Waste Isolation Project are enclosed, as promised.

Also enclosed are two copies of the February 25, 1981 rule on repositories. In paragraph 60.11, pages 13981 and 13982, the site characterization report is described. Such a report, covering the Hanford site, is expected to be received in early fall from the Department of Energy. As we discussed, the issuance of the report and its analysis by NRC will provide opportunities for comment by the state.

If you have any observations or questions on these matters, please pass them along by mail or telephone (301) 427-4177.

Sincerely,

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