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RE: Workshop W3B. Geological Problems in Radioactive Waste Isolation -
A Worldwide Review, July 15-16, 1989, Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Browning:

Thank you for your letter of February 28, 1989 enclosing an abstract for the Workshop in July. It appears that we will have presentations from 20 or more countries which will give us an excellent worldwide review. We are also going to have presentations from four agencies: NRC, NEA, CEC and IAEA, and we are organizing a Panel to discuss the possibility of an International Repository.

In order to bring the results of this Workshop to a broader audience, we have arranged with the editors of "Radioactive Waste Management and the Nuclear Fuel Cycle" to publish a special issue of their journal based on the contributions from our meeting. We will therefore be expecting to receive a copy of your full report at the time of the Workshop.

Professor deMarsily and I look forward to meeting you at the IGC.

Very truly yours,

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