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Dear Dr. Vieth:

This Office has become aware that on August 26 and 27, 1986, the NRC conducted an Appendix 7 Meeting with the U.S. Geological Survey in Denver relative to geologic work on the NNWSI Project. We understand this was a NRC-generated meeting, but neither the NRC nor your office notified the State about the meeting or invited State participation.

As you are aware, the State has a mandated oversight role in the nuclear waste repository program, not only to review the NNWSI program but also to assure itself that the NRC is properly fulfilling its regulatory role in the program. We have had some ongoing concerns with the conduct of Appendix 7 meetings between the NRC and the NNWSI Project. Past notification of meetings to the State has been selective and spotty at best. We think it is in DOE's best interest to invite the State and its technical experts to each and every Appendix 7 meeting so DOE as well as the NRC may benefit from the State's knowledge and views. Failure to do so may lead to a complicated and contentious licensing process later.

As I have stated in previous correspondence, the State requires 10 working days notice for all meetings, including Appendix 7. Additionally, we expect a full briefing on the discussions which took place during the August 26 and 27 meeting.

I would be pleased to meet with you and discuss the meeting notification problem at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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