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Dear Dr. Vieth:

I am in receipt of your June 11, 1985 letter communicating the NNWSI Project objectives for the NNWSI/NRC waste package technical meeting to be held July 23-24, 1985 at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in Livermore, CA. In addition to the objectives you have stated we would like to add one:

Establish a common understanding of the approach to qualify the chosen canister/overpack material which will ensure that adequate testing can be completed in time to support the license application.

Telephone discussions between NRC and NNWSI Project representatives have established the general acceptability of the meeting objectives. It is the NRC's intent to contribute as much as possible to achievement of the objectives by providing the DOE with our most current thoughts on the subject topics as well as the reasoning that led to the pertinent NRC regulations. The NRC's ability to make substantive contributions will be enhanced in proportion to the amount of information provided us prior to the meeting concerning the DOE's testing approaches and plans.

If you have any questions about these matters, please contact King Stablein (FTS 427-4611) of my staff. King Stablein and Tom Jungling (FTS 427-4540) are

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the NRC contacts currently involved in developing the meeting agenda with NNWSI Project representatives.

Sincerely,

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