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Attention: Mr. Lud Hartung, Project Manager

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Gentlemen:

As per our recent discussion, enclosed is an information bulletin and a list of abstracts of papers to be presented at a major international symposium on in situ testing to be held in early September. This symposium consists of six themes, including of special interest: Theme 1 - Fundamentals of Field Instrumentation (34 presented papers), Theme 5 - Underground Openings (30 presented papers) and Theme 6 - Radioactive Waste Disposal (14 presented papers). Due to recent rapid advancements in in situ testing techniques worldwide, it would be anticipated that information presented at this symposium could have a significant impact on the NRC's position vis a vis in situ testing program required for site characterization purposes. In order to obtain and more importantly assess this information, as well as demonstrating a commitment to staying abreast of the-state-of-the-art in in situ testing, we suggest that the NRC should be represented at this symposium by a technical specialist in the area of rock mechanics/in situ testing. To our knowledge, this symposium is the only such opportunity in the near future and should, considering the current major issues surrounding in situ testing, be seriously considered.

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Please call me if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure