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Dear Dr. Vieth:

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This letter is to summarize and confirm the agreements that we have reached regarding pre-SCR workshops. On September 27, we met in your office in Las Vegas and agreed to hold a series of technical workshops. We also reached tentative agreement on several points concerning conduct of the workshops and advance preparation by both parties. During a number of subsequent telephone conversations, we discussed in more detail, the number and timing of such workshops and the responsibilities of the participants. Most recently, during our telephone conversation of November 22, the following subjects and time-frames were established for the first three workshops:

Geochemistry	January 12-13, 1983
Hydrogeology	Third week of January
Design	Fourth week of January

While specific dates were not established, workshops addressing waste form/waste package and geologic stability were planned for March, 1983. I hope that we can firm-up dates for the March workshops by mid-December.

In addition to the March workshop schedule, two other items that we have discussed still need to be settled, a statement of expectations and content of the information package that DOE will provide to NRC prior to each workshop. I think that a clear statement of workshop purpose, objectives, approach and guidelines can provide some help in closing out both items. Based in large measure on a similar statement for the successful BWIP workshops, I have written the enclosure. In it, I have attempted to incorporate the various points that we have discussed since our September meeting.

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I think that these points provide the key to closing out the open items of our recent discussions and suggest that we meet during the ONWI Information Meeting to do so.

Sincerely,

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PRE-SCR WORKSHOPS

General Purpose

- o Allow detailed review and discussion of data and information gathered from investigations to date.
- o Allow consultation on potential issues, remaining information needs and plans for gathering the needed information and resolving issues.

Approach

- o Focus first on topics of greatest importance and having impact on schedule.
- o Meetings will be single topic meetings to keep their size and scope to manageable levels.
- o Meetings should be preceded by agreed upon agenda but be informal, without extensive briefings.
- o Scope and level of detail controlled by agenda of matters to be covered and by controlling the duration of the meetings.

Guidelines

- o An information package will be supplied by DOE-NV one month prior to each workshop.
- o An agreed upon agenda will be established 2 weeks prior to each workshop.
- o NRC/DOE review/workshops should cover only data/information items that are relevant to SCR and SCA (10 CFR 60 licensing issues).
- o Data and information gathered from investigations to date will be made available for detailed review and discussion. Notes and selected copies of this information may be taken by NRC for ongoing reviews.

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- o Allow for consultation on potential issues, remaining information needs and plans for gathering the needed information and resolving issues.
- o Meeting Agreements and Commitments will be the record of the workshop and will include a summary of any observations of the NRC and DOE.

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