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Dear Mr. Neff::

This letter documents the recent telephone conversations between R. Johnson of my staff and G. Appel of your staff regarding our plans to send NRC staff to the SRPO offices to perform selected activities which would normally be conducted by NRC's on-site representative (OR). While we are currently evaluating candidates for the salt OR position, the selection may take awhile. In order to maintain ongoing information exchange during this interim period we have proposed sending the salt team points of contact to your offices for one or two week periods. During their visit they would conduct their activities in a manner consistent with Appendix 7 of the Procedural Agreement and in particular they would prepare a report within about two weeks of their visit and distribute it to those who have been on distribution for the salt OR reports in the past.

The first two points of contact who we will send are:

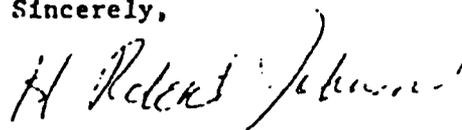
John Voglewede, waste package --February 2 - 6, 1987
 Fred Ross, hydrology --February 9 - 20, 1987

After an evaluation of these initial visits, we will send you an additional list of those points of contact who will visit your office during the remainder of February and March.

I understand from staff discussions that our plans summarized above are supported by you, G. Appel, and DOE/HQ. We appreciate your support for such visits during the period of our OR's vacancy and look forward to productive visits. To ensure that visits are conducted in as productive a fashion as possible, R. Johnson will regularly contact both G. Appel and the NRC point of contact.

Should you have any questions or observations on this matter please contact me or R. Johnson.

Sincerely,



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