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Robert R. Loux, Executive Director  
Nuclear Waste Project Office  
Capitol Complex  
Carson City, NV 89710

Dear Mr. Loux:

This is in response to your August 29, 1986, letter to me in which you indicated your office was not notified of the August 26-27, 1986, visit made to USGS in Denver by NRC staff. In addition, you expressed concern about notification of visits by NRC to DOE and DOE contractor facilities, pursuant to Appendix 7, signed June 14, 1985, to the NRC/DOE Site-Specific Procedural Agreement.

I understand that Mr. Paul Prestholt notified Mr. Carl Johnson of your staff on Friday, August 22, of the August 26-27 visit to USGS, and that Mr. Prestholt debriefed Mr. Johnson on this visit during the following week at DOE's Technical Project Officer (TPO) meeting in Las Vegas.

I am aware of your concerns about the conduct of Appendix 7 interactions and specifically your concern that these interactions might become a vehicle for NRC/DOE decision-making without adequate opportunity for state/tribal participation. We share that concern, and DOE officials have conveyed to us similar concerns. As my staff mentioned in the August 5, 1986, meeting with your office, we have been discussing the future conduct of Appendix 7 interactions with DOE management, and hope to resolve this issue in the near future.

Please let me know if you wish to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By  
Robert E. Browning

Robert E. Browning, Director  
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