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REPLY TO ATTN OF: RW-42

SUBJECT: Interactions With Communities and Local Governments

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TO: ADDRESSEES:

You will recall that DOE placed an item on the agenda of our last quarterly meeting on the above topic.

Based on that discussion we agreed to provide to States and Tribes a listing of our objectives. Below in accordance with the Denver commitment is a discussion of the reasons why such interactions are appropriate. We encourage a dialogue with you on this subject and provide these thoughts to initiate the discussion.

Our need to interact with community and local leaders stems from the fact that the siting of a major facility is significant for any community. Local leaders and residents have legitimate questions and needs which deserve direct response. It would be most unsatisfactory from the communities' standpoint if Federal officials refused to deal directly with their interest and concerns.

At the same time, we recognize the role of State and Tribal officials and pledge our full cooperation in providing notice--in advance if possible--of interaction with local communities and leaders. We believe this can best be done by routine cooperation with local, State and Tribal representatives while preserving the State and Tribal relationship as the primary and substantive one on matters of policy.

Attached for your information is a copy of some internal instructions to OCRWM managers on this subject. We would appreciate your specific recommendations on how we can best implement these procedures. Please provide your written response to Ben Easterling (202-252-2280) by November 15, 1985.


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Internal Guidelines

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