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Dear Ben:

Your recent letter requesting assistance from the National Research Council in the site characterization phase of the repository program suggests continuation of what has become a substantial and effective interaction between the Research Council and the Department of Energy. These are important national issues of just the sort that the Research Council was established to consider.

The National Research Council can and will provide the advice you seek. I have asked Dr. Peter Myers, Staff Director of our Board on Radioactive Waste Management, to work with your staff to propose next steps that will enable the Board to respond positively to your request.

Yours sincerely,



Frank Press
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