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Mr. John Linehan  
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Dear Mr. Linehan:

This letter is a follow-up on some of the topics we discussed in our March 6, 1986 telephone conversation. We are able to meet with you to discuss the planned level of detail in the SCPs. This meeting will be scheduled by our staffs for a time in mid-April.

We will give a briefing on EA ranking methodology to the NRC, as has been given to the States. This briefing is also being scheduled by our staffs, tentatively for April 14, 1986.

In regard to providing an advance draft of SCP chapters 1 through 6 so that NRC can start its review early, we will provide, to NRC and interested States, a copy of the next-to-last-draft SCP. This should be available about four months before release of the SCPs.

For any meetings of DOE's Licensing and QA Coordinating Groups which the States and Tribes are invited to attend, the NRC will also be invited to attend.

DOE has considered and incorporated the requirements of the final EPA standard into the final EAs. The EAs were changed in three areas to accommodate the promulgation of the final EPA standard for geologic disposal of high-level waste.

1. Calculations of integrated release to the accessible environment and pre-emplacment groundwater travel time were redone using the changed definition of "accessible environment" and the concept of "controlled area" to produce an effective distance for travel time calculations of 5 km instead of the previously used 10 km.
2. Text was added to describe and show compliance with the final rule's additional requirement for individual protection for 1000 years following closure. No additional calculations were required, because releases to the environment are essentially zero during this time period.

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3. Text was added to describe and show compliance with the final rule's additional requirement for groundwater protection for 1000 years following closure. No additional calculations were required, because releases to the environment are essentially zero during this time period.

I will be happy to provide any further information you need on these topics.

*CR/Lead*

FOR James P. Knight, Director  
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