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Ladies and Gentlemen:

### ASSEMBLED REVIEW DRAFT SITE CHARACTERIZATION PLAN

Enclosed for your information is an Assembled Review draft copy of the Basalt Waste Isolation Project (BWIP) Site Characterization Plan (SCP), minus sections 8.2, 8.3 and 8.5 which require some added text revisions. The SCP, as the parties are aware, is being prepared by the Department of Energy (DOE) pursuant to the Nuclear Waste Policy Act. It is expected that the Assembled Review draft of Sections 8.2, 8.3 and 8.5 will be available to your offices in November 1987. This draft document is being released specifically to provide you with an early opportunity to become familiar with the content and level of detail prior to formal release of the Consultation Draft. In this regard, the DOE is not soliciting comments on the subject Site Characterization chapters, but will consider any major concerns that you may identify in preparing our Consultation Draft.

At this time, the DOE is still integrating the individual chapters, especially sections 8.2 and 8.3, and reviewing the Assembled SCP document for consistency. While the technical material contained in this working document is similar to the expected Consultation Draft, the contents should not be construed to necessarily represent a final DOE position with respect to any particular issue. We trust that the enclosed Assembled Review draft copy of the SCP will serve to enhance your preparation for review of our Consultation Draft when it becomes available.

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