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Dear Dr. Wright:

DOE/NRC MEETING ON EXPLORATORY SHAFT AND UNDERGROUND TESTING

A DOE/NRC meeting covering the Basalt Waste Isolation Project (BWIP) Exploratory Shaft and Underground Testing activities is scheduled to be held at Richland on November 29 and 30 and December 1, 1983.

By copy of this letter, representatives of the State of Washington, Yakima Indian Nation, and Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation are invited to attend this meeting. A copy of the agenda outlining the proposed topics to be discussed is enclosed for your information. As noted on the agenda, the meeting will be held at the Hanford House, 802 George Washington Way, Richland, Washington.

If additional information covering this meeting is required, please contact D. J. Squires of my staff, telephone (509) 376-7240, or FTS 444-7240.

Very truly yours,

O. L. Olson, Project Manager
Basalt Waste Isolation Project Office

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Enclosure

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See attached list

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Copies w/enclosures (letter, O. L. Olson to Robert J. Wright, dated NOV 14 1988

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AGENDA
NRC/DOE MEETING ON
EXPLORATORY SHAFT AND UNDERGROUND TESTING
BASALT WASTE ISOLATION PROJECT

Date: November 29 to December 1, 1983

Place: Richland, Washington, Hanford House

Purpose: To discuss resolution of previous NRC concerns regarding underground testing portions of the Site Characterization Report and NRC's preliminary comments on the draft Exploratory Shaft In Situ Test Plan.

- Objectives:
- (1) Resolution of NRC comments regarding underground testing raised in the Draft Site Characterization Analysis.
 - (2) To attain consensus on approaches to resolve previously noted areas of disagreement.
 - (3) To receive, discuss, and resolve NRC comments arising from a recent review of the draft Exploratory Shaft Test Plan.

Participants: DOE: P. Boileau, V. Der, J. Mecca, B. Nicoll, P. Saget, D. Squires

DOE Consultants: J. Bartlett, Z. Bieniawski, P. Dominico, W. Hustrulid, J. Smith

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USGS: G. Dinwiddie, P. Stevens

Other

Attendees: State of Washington: D. Provost, D. Stevens

Yakima Indian Nation: J. Hovis, L. Lehman

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation:
M. Farrow, R. Lothrop, E. Patawa, C. Wilson

CHO, NPO, NNWSI: To be determined

NOVEMBER 29, 1983

- 8:00 DOE Introduction
- 8:15 NRC Introduction
- 8:30 BWIP overview of Exploratory Shaft In Situ Test Plan:
- o Preparation process and schedule, including current status and revisions planned to accommodate comments received from the Overview Committee and others (USGS, State)
 - o Responsiveness to open, workshop, and "agreed" items resulting from BWIP's dispositioning of NRC comments on underground testing raised in the Draft Site Characterization Analysis.
 - o Methodology to disposition remaining open, workshop, and "agreed" items.
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 NRC discussion of coupled test
- 2:00 NRC presentation of preliminary comments on draft In Situ Test Plan

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- 8:00 Continue NRC presentation of comments on draft In Situ Test Plan
- 9:00 Discussion of NRC's preliminary comments
- 1:00 NRC caucus/BWIP caucus
- 3:00 BWIP present list of disagreements and agreements
- 3:30 NRC present list of disagreements and agreements
- 4:00 BWIP/NRC develop consensus

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- 8:00 Technical wrap-up
- 10:00 Management wrap-up
- 11:00 Preparation of meeting notes