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Mr. Wade W. Ballard, Jr., Director
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Dear Mr. Ballard:

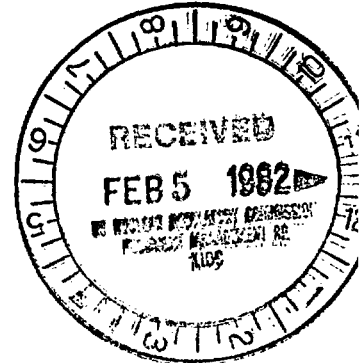
As promised in our recent phone conversation, attached is a list of items I feel we should take up in our upcoming meeting (tentatively scheduled for February 3, 1982). I would appreciate any thoughts you may have on additional issues or items of mutual interest that should be discussed. Present from NRC will be M. J. Bell and myself.

On a related matter, I have been designated the individual within NRC responsible for implementing NRC's part of the existing Procedural Agreement guiding the interactions between NRC and DOE on high level waste. One of the most important things for us to attempt accomplishing in the upcoming meeting is a revision to the Procedural Agreement to provide the flexibility needed to continue the kind of close contact between NRC and DOE staffs and contractors that has been taking place on major issues of site characterization at Hanford.

If you have any questions or comments on the attached please call me (427-4177).

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ITEMS FOR MEETING
BETWEEN DOE/NRC

1. Continued contacts between NRC and DOE Regional Offices/contractors on site characterization issues and plans.
 - Review results and experience of January 12 and 13 BWIP meetings
 - Review specific plans for future BWIP meetings and technical exchanges.
 - Agree upon general working procedures for future contacts.
 - Discuss exchange of technical information and reports.

2. Determination of specific mechanisms for identifying and resolving, on a generic basis, prelicensing questions. Continue discussions on points discussed in Sept. 11 and Dec. 3, 1981 meetings between staffs. Refer to:
 - Letter from Miller to Cooley, Dec. 16, 1981 (attached)
 - Minutes of September 1, 1981 meeting between DOE and NRC, September 25, 1981 (attached)

- Letter from Cooley to Miller on DOE technical oversight reviews, Dec. 15, 1981.
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3. **Standard Format and Content Guide for Site Characterization Reports.** Discuss and clarify any outstanding questions about Guide before issuance in final form. Refer to informal note (Dec. 1981) from Miller to Stein forwarding internal working draft.

 4. **DOE/NRC Procedural Agreement** - Discuss and agree to revisions as necessary to provide for the kind of interactions agreed to in discussion on above points.