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Dear Dr. Heath:

As discussed with Carl Newton on May 8, we propose a visit to the BWIP project by members of the NRC technical staff, to update our information on developments in site selection. This is a follow-up to our previous trips to the Hanford site.

The subjects of particular interest to the group are:

- Hydrogeology - testing methods
- Hydrogeology - modeling, parameter for model input
- Rock characterization & Uranium flow
- Thermomechanical studies
- ESTF design and testing program
- Conceptual repository design
- Quality Assurance Program

We understand that the BWIP annual design review meeting is scheduled in August. We would like to have the opportunity to interact with the attendees at that meeting. Therefore, we propose that the review visit begin that week and continue through the following week.

While at the project we would be pleased to discuss the draft Standard Format and Content Guide for the Site Characterization Reports. In addition, the draft subpart E (Technical Criteria) of 10 CFR 60 could be discussed.

The staff member responsible for the proposed visit is Dr. Robert J. Wright, who can be reached by telephoning 427-4177. Please advise Dr. Wright of an appropriate schedule for this visit.

Sincerely,

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