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L. Hall Bohlinger, Assistant Secretary  
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Department of Environmental Quality  
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Dear Dr. Bohlinger:

On Wednesday, February 13, 1985, representatives from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) met in a public meeting with representatives from the Department to discuss the Annotated Outline (AO) for preparation of Site Characterization Plans (SCP). We enclose minutes of that meeting. During this meeting NRC comments on the outline were discussed and resolved, and specific changes were agreed to. At the conclusion of the meeting an agreement was signed with the NRC which essentially states that the annotated outline was an acceptable implementation and interpretation of the NRC Regulatory Guide 4.17, and could be used by the Department in proceeding to prepare SCPs. A copy of the agreed-to AO is enclosed. At this meeting it was also agreed that the NRC and the Department would meet at an early date to discuss such important SCP-related subjects as development of subsystem performance goals and development of detailed repository conceptual design.

We are presently in the process of planning the preparation of the SCPs based on the AO. In addition, we are reviewing the detailed schedule for the SCP preparation. It would be helpful to us in our scheduling process if you could review the AO and provide us any comments. We are particularly interested in your identification of areas where you believe interactions with the Department on the SCP contents would be appropriate during preparation of the document. We would appreciate receiving any comments you wish to offer by mid-May.

I appreciate your interest in the Department's waste management program and look forward to our continued interactions.

Sincerely,

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