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Dear Mr. Miller:

In an effort to expand still further the ongoing state-federal consultation process which is so vital in the National Waste Terminal Storage program, I believe that it would be highly desirable to begin meeting with the salt states as soon as possible on a regular and joint basis to continue strengthening our lines of communication. We invite the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to participate in these meetings. Discussions would include a variety of topics, ranging from current and proposed field activities and schedules to coordinated publication and dissemination of major documents. The meetings would augment, not supplant, current consultation activities.

While locations, frequency and form of the meetings certainly would require discussion, I would suggest that the first meeting be held in Columbus on July 19 and 20. DOE and ONWI personnel directing geologic, engineering, environmental, socioeconomic and institutional activities in all salt basins would participate, along with others as needed.

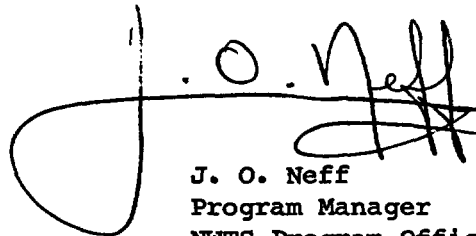
As can be seen from the enclosed draft agenda, the opening discussion would focus on refinement of proposals making available and transmitting primary data, followed by updates on the status of various areas of the program, including the siting guidelines, environmental assessments and public information. The second day of the meeting would be set aside for a discussion of the National Academy of Sciences report, "A Study of the Isolation System for Geologic Disposal of Radioactive Waste". The report would be presented by Tom Pigford, chairperson of the NAS waste isolation systems panel which issued the report. Dr. Pigford is chairman of the Department of Nuclear Engineering at the University of California at Berkeley.

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Obviously, this joint meeting would intensify the considerable time pressures that exist for us all, but I am confident that full and timely exchanges of information would be of sufficient value to justify the time. In case you may want to spend more time with other attendees we have reserved a block of rooms at the Holiday Inn on Lane Avenue (see enclosed brochure) against which you can make your reservations. Please phone confirmation of attendance of you and your staff to Leslie Casey (FTS 976-5918) of my staff.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures: 1) Draft Agenda
2) Visitors Guide to Battelle

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DRAFT AGENDA

MEETING WITH SALT STATE REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 19-20, 1983

BATTELLE MEMORIAL INSTITUTE
COLUMBUS, OHIO

CONFERENCE ROOM "I"
BY THE 505 KING AVENUE LOBBY

July 19

9:00 - 9:15 a.m.	Opening Remarks
9:15 - 10:30 a.m.	Availability/Transmittal of Primary Data
10:30 - Noon	Discussion
Noon - 1:15 p.m.	Lunch
1:15 - 1:30 p.m.	ONWI Organization
1:30 - 2:00 p.m.	Geologic Studies
2:00 - 2:30 p.m.	Engineering Studies
2:30 - 3:00 p.m.	Environmental Studies
3:00 - 3:15 p.m.	Siting Guidelines
3:15 - 3:45 p.m.	Environmental Assessment Issues
3:45 - 4:15 p.m.	Public Information Activities
4:15 - 4:45 p.m.	Status of NRC Activities

July 20

9:00 - Noon	National Academy of Sciences Seminar
Noon - 2:00 p.m.	Lunch/State Representatives Caucus
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Open Discussion
	Questions and Answers
	Future Meetings: Frequency, Location, Topics
4:00 p.m.	Closing Remarks