



WASTE DEPOSIT IMPACT COMMITTEE

CITY OF HEREFORD
DEAF SMITH COUNTY
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HIGH PLAINS UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT #1
WALCOTT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

September 21, 1987

Lando W. Zech, Jr., Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
1717 H Street, Northwest
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Zech:

I am writing on behalf of the Waste Deposit Impact Committee (WDIC), Deaf Smith County, Texas; one of the three candidate sites for the nuclear waste repository. My purpose is to request assistance from the Commission in the Committee's efforts to establish a local geotechnical oversight program and effectively participate in the licensing process should this site be selected by the Department of Energy as the preferred repository location.

The committee is a formally established board, under provisions of an interlocal cooperation agreement allowed for by Texas statute. It represents all taxing jurisdictions within the County, including the County, the City of Hereford, the Hereford and Walcott Independent School Districts, the General Hospital District and the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District. Each member board and commission is a governmental body established under state law and elected by a popular vote of the general public. Each committee member represents one taxing jurisdiction and is an elected official. The WDIC therefore, has clear standing to represent and protect the interest of all Deaf Smith County local governments and citizenry.

As the Committee's director, I am under contract to provide the staff resources necessary to carry out its policy direction. The Committee's operating budget is financed by the Nuclear Waste Fund through a grant contract with the State of Texas Nuclear Waste Programs Office. The WDIC has established three professional staff positions, including assistant directors for socioeconomic assessment and geotechnical analysis, as well as the director.

Because of the uncertainty within the nuclear waste management program, it has been very difficult for us to recruit the caliber individual we would like to have direct our geotechnical effort. For this reason, we would like to request the assignment of an NRC employee to the WDIC for a six month to one year period to help us establish our geotechnical program and our quality assurance design so that we may be maximally effective in any future licensing

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activity. We see this as a potentially mutually advantageous experience. This request is made consistent with NRC Regulations, as defined by 10 CFR 60.63.

Any assistance that you could provide consistent with this request, would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,



Phillip A. Niedzielski-Eichner
Executive Director

cc: Hugh L. Thompson
✓ Robert E. Browning
Robert D. Smith, State of Texas
Waste Deposit Impact Committee

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