

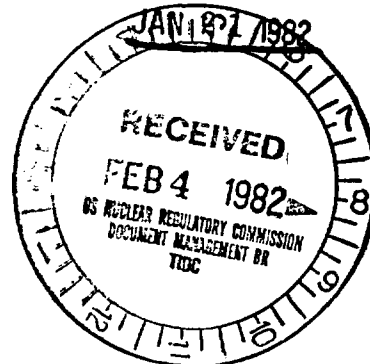
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Dear David:

Thank you for finding time at the end of a busy day to talk with me. I can appreciate how complicated your schedule must be when the legislative is in session.

As an example of the kind of attention being given by the NRC to the work at the Basalt Waste Isolation Project, I enclose a copy of the report on our visit there in September 1981.

Also enclosed is a copy of the February 25, 1981 rule on repositories. In paragraph 60.11, pages 13981 and 13982, the site characterization report is described. Such a report, covering the Hanford site, is expected to be received in early fall from the Department of Energy. As we discussed, the issuance of the report and its analysis by NRC will provide opportunities for comment by the state.

If you have any observations or questions on these matters, please pass them along by mail or telephone (301) 427-4177.

Sincerely,

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