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MEMORANDUM FOR: ~~John A. Brooks~~ Engineering Branch, Division of Waste Management
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FROM: Michael B. McNeil, Waste Management Branch, Division of Engineering Safety
SUBJECT: BWIP APPENDIX 7 VISIT ON WASTE PACKAGES

Thank you for your precis of your July 22 telephone conversation with Phil LaMont of DOE Richland, concerning Mr. LaMont's insistence on limiting the attendance to three persons. This insistence presents NRC with a serious problem, since a major defect in their corrosion work is, in my view, their reliance on theoretical arguments rather than experimental data in the area of geochemistry. If this visit is to form a real opportunity for NRC to understand DOE's data as opposed to just reading reports, it is essential that we NRC representative be expert in experimental corrosion testing. Anna Fraker is the obvious candidate, though I am told that Robert Scholl (who is a very capable engineer) is learning fast. If an experienced geochemist is not also sent, I think it is essential that Dr. Fraker or Dr. Scholl be fully briefed (presumably by Mr. Brooks) on the nature of BWIP's geochemical analyses and the history of our efforts to make them take a more realistic approach.

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