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Dr. Ivan Selin Chairman U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Dr. Selin:

In December 1991 you requested that I brief the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) on Monitored Retrievable Storage (MRS) siting in mid-1992. The siting program is still in its early phases and, while I will be prepared to update you on the progress thus far, there are two other topics about which I would like to brief the Commission. These topics are the annotated outlines for potential license applications for the MRS and the Mined Geologic Disposal facilities, and the Department of Energy (DOE) initiative to resolve licensing related issues. The development of the annotated outlines and the issue resolution initiative are related. They form the basis of DOE's efforts to provide information to and seek guidance from the NRC to assist the DOE in resolving licensing related issues with NRC.

I propose June 24, 1992, for the date of my briefing to the Commission. Please let me know if this is an acceptable date. If you have any questions, please ask your staff to contact John Roberts of my staff on 202-586-9896.

Sincerely,

John W. Bartlett, Director Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management

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