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Mr. J. O. Neff
Program Manager
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Mr. Neff:

As previously arranged through the DOE and ONWI staffs in Columbus we are planning a technical review of repository siting activities in the Paradox Basin, Utah and the Palo Duro Basin, Texas. As you know, this is not part of any licensing action nor is there any intent to judge the suitability of salt as a repository medium. The dates are May 11-21, 1981.

The NRC staff participants in the trip are from the Division of Waste Management. The individuals are:

Robert L. Johnson
Martha W. Pendleton
Ellen Quinn
Robert J. Wright, Group Leader

Stratigraphy
Structural Geology
Hydrologic Modeling
Geologic Exploration

During the Utah leg of the trip, May 11-15, the group will be joined by:

Hubert J. Miller

Chief, High-Level Waste Technical
Development Branch

In addition, under an NRC/Sandia contract for repository performance modeling the group will be accompanied by:

Robert Guzowski

Geologist, Sandia National
Laboratory

Finally, we anticipate having the services of a consulting hydrogeologist, but these arrangements are not yet complete.

We have advised the designated NRC state liaison officers of NRC's plans for the visit:

Dr. James Bunker

State Science Advisor
Salt Lake City, Utah

Mr. Edward Vetter

Executive Director
Texas Energy and Natural
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Thank you for your attention and assistance.

Sincerely,

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Hubert J. Miller, Chief
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Development Branch
Division of Waste Management

cc: James Bunker
Edward Vetter
Colin Heath, DOE

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