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Mr. Steve Frishman, Director
Nuclear Waste Programs Office
Office of the Governor
State Capital
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Mr. Frishman:

This letter will confirm our February 20, 1985 telephone conversation regarding your letter to Mr. John G. Davis, dated January 11, 1985. During our discussion, arrangements for a State of Texas representative to interact with NRC technical staff during preparation of our comments on DOE's Draft Environmental Assessment on the potential repository site located at Deaf Smith were discussed. It was agreed that such an interaction would be in the spirit of 10 CFR Part 60, Subpart C and that it would be held in conjunction with the "readiness review" identified in NRC's Standard Review Plan for Draft Environmental Assessments (dated December 19, 1984). It was further agreed that this interaction would be considered an experiment, not a precedent in the development of mutually beneficial approaches for future State/Tribal participation in NRC high-level waste repository activities.

In our discussion we also reached agreement on the nature of this interaction. In the very near future, you will receive a telephone call from the staff giving you more specific information about the time and location of the interaction.

We apologize for the delay in our response to your request but look forward to establishing a mutually productive relationship.

Sincerely,

original signed by

Robert E. Browning, Director
Division of Waste Management

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