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Ms. Catherine Russell
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Dear Cathy:

The State-Tribe/DOE quarterly meeting for the first repository states has finally been set. We will be meeting on May 2 and 3, 1985 at the Omni International, 101 West Fayette, Baltimore, Maryland 21201, beginning at 9 AM on the morning of the 2nd. As you will see from the attached tentative agenda, we are expecting Ben Rusche on the morning of the 2nd to discuss out unresolved C&C issues primarily. You will also note that I have included an item regarding the DOE/NRC/State-Tribe relationship in which I intend to air some of our current concerns for DOE's consideration and response. I assume there will be an interest in discussing this same matter with appropriate NRC staff once we have reviewed it in the context of DOE's program activities.

As you are aware, we have designed these quarterly meetings to be "out of the limelight" although we have no objection to a small number of observers representing interested parties. For this reason, we generally meet outside of repository states, and limit our own representation to necessary individuals. If you do plan to attend, and you are certainly welcome, I would request that the NRC, just as the participating parties, attempt to limit its number of representatives to the greatest extent possible, consistent with your ability to assure that your needs in attending are met. For much of the program status information that we will be discussing, there will be a repeat in the DOE's May 14-15 meeting in Kansas City that is open to all interested and affected parties.

I appreciate your interest in the ongoing activities associated with the high-level waste program, and look forward to seeing you in May. I will keep you posted of any changes that may take place, although I anticipate none other than possible agenda modifications, based on suggestions from participants.

If you have any questions about this meeting, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Steve Frishman

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Tentative Agenda
State-Tribe/DOE
Quarterly Meeting

May 2-3, 1985

Omni International
101 West Fayette
Baltimore, Maryland 21201
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1. Adopt Agenda - 9:00 A.M.
2. Review of Previous Meeting and Action Items
3. Overview and Status of OCRWM Program - Rusche
4. C&C Discussion - Rusche et al
 - A. Definition of Terms
 - B. Procedures for Involvement of States/Tribes
 - C. Conflict Resolution Mechanisms
 - D. Information Availability
5. Jointly Sponsored, Independently Run Education Program
(DOE Proposal)

----- LUNCH (Rusche departs) -----
6. Discussion of Pending Grant Issues: Defense Waste and Phaseouts
7. Socioeconomic and Environmental Report Strategy
8. SCP Process
9. DOE/NRC/State-Tribe Interactions
10. EA Status - Major Comment Categories
11. Mission Plan Status
12. Upcoming Events
13. Evaluation of Meetings and Future Plans
14. Agenda and Location for Next Meeting