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Dear Mr. Knight:

On March 10, 1987 the Texas Nuclear Waste Programs Office received official written notification and the background materials for the NRC/DOE Issues Hierarchy for Site Characterization meeting that was held on March 3-4, 1987. Needless to say, the notification did not do much good. The State of Texas is extremely interested in the Issues Hierarchy and is very displeased with the lack of appropriate timely notification of this meeting.

It is the State's understanding that at least ten (10) working days notice will be given for all NRC/DOE meetings. Also, this meeting was scheduled with the full knowledge that Waste Management '87 was being held that same week in Tucson, Arizona and that most of the States and Tribes had previous commitments for this meeting. This appears to represent yet another instance of DOE declining to fully consult and cooperate with the affected States and Tribes.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission was also fully aware of the schedule conflicts and notice difficulties for the States and Tribes when this meeting was set up. It is our understanding that the NRC also subscribes to the minimum ten-day written notice procedure for meetings.

Because of the importance of the Issues Hierarchy meeting and the inability of primarily affected States and Tribes to participate in this meeting, the State of Texas requests that the Issues Hierarchy meeting be reconvened with the full participation of the affected States and Tribes, and that notification of this meeting be given in a timely manner.

Please feel free to contact me regarding this issue at any time. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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