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Dear Mr. Neff:

The timely review of DOE pre-licensing documents and data is a critical part of the NRC staff's preparations for review of the Site Characterization Plans (SCP's). During his assignment as NRC on-site representative to SRPO, Mr. Fred Ross examined draft hydrogeologic testing plans for the shallow hydronests and the ESF monitor wells, prepared for ONWI by S. Papadopolus. It is our understanding that these documents are draft Site Study Plans for aspects of the hydrogeologic characterization of the Deaf Smith County site. In addition, Mr. Ross examined a report entitled "Isotopic Study of Noble Gases in Palo Duro Basin Brines," containing data that would be valuable in the NRC's evaluation of hydrodynamic-based conceptual groundwater flow models of the Palo Duro Basin.

Because these documents and data are important to our SCP review preparations, we would like to obtain one hard copy of each of the items mentioned above. This request has previously been discussed in telephone conversations between Susan Heston (DOE) and Dan Gillen of my staff, and any further questions regarding the request should be addressed to Mr. Gillen at FTS 427-4793.

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