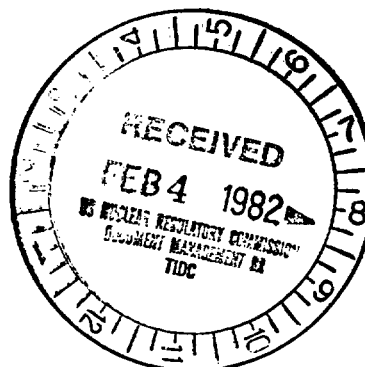


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Dear Nancy:

It was indeed a pleasure to see you last week and to meet Lee Gronemyer.

Two copies of our report on the September 1981 trip to the Basalt Waste Isolation Project are enclosed, as promised.

Also enclosed are two copies of the February 25, 1981 rule on repositories. In paragraph 60.11, pages 13981 and 13982, the site characterization report is described. Such a report covering the Hanford site, is expected to be received in early fall from the Department of Energy. As we discussed, the issuance of the report and its analysis by NRC will provide opportunities for comment by the state.

If you have any observations or questions on these matters, please pass them along by mail or telephone (301) 427-4177.

Sincerely,

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