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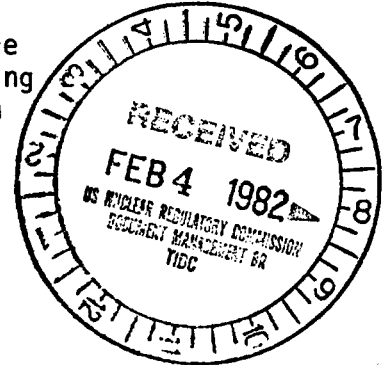
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Mr. Nicholas D. Lewis, Chairman
Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council
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Dear Nick:

Thank you for finding time to meet with me last week about activities at the Basalt Waste Isolation Project at Hanford.

Copies of the NRC report on the September 1981 visit to BWIP are enclosed, as promised. This may provide a sense of the kind of attention that we are giving to the Department of Energy repository investigations.

Also enclosed are two copies of the February 15, 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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