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August 5, 1985

Mr. Robert E. Browning, Director
Division of Waste Management
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Browning:

As you know, New Hampshire is one of the 17 states being considered by the Department of Energy (DOE) as a potential site for a crystalline repository for high-level radioactive waste. To facilitate public input into this effort, Governor Sununu has appointed a citizen's High-Level Waste Task Force. The first meeting of the Task Force was held July 25, at which the Governor made a brief statement and I provided the group with an overview of DOE's Crystalline Repository Project.

On behalf of the Governor and the Task Force, I would like to invite you and your staff to the second meeting of the High-Level Waste Task Force. We are also extending invitations to the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Energy in order to provide the Task Force with an overall understanding of the federal responsibility in high-level waste management.

The meeting is scheduled for the afternoon of Wednesday, August 28, 1985 here in Concord. We would like each agency to give an overview of their particular role in the effort to develop a crystalline repository. We anticipate that each agency will give a 20 - 30 minute presentation, and we would like to provide an equal amount of time for questions following each talk. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

This will be a regular meeting of the Task Force and will be moderated by Mr. Alden Howard, the Chairman.

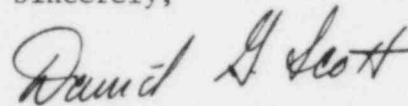
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In addition, we expect extensive media coverage and a large audience. To keep things running smoothly, we would like to set aside some time before the meeting as a media briefing if this is acceptable to you. This should keep the regular meeting from turning into a press conference. Also, we will provide ten minutes or so at the end of each question-and-answer session for questions from the audience (as opposed to the Task Force). To keep this part of the meeting orderly, Mr. Howard will set certain ground rules and will keep to a set time limit.

We believe that this is an essential part of the learning process for the Task Force and sincerely hope that you will be able to attend. Pending your response, we will work with the appropriate staff person in your office on the final arrangements. If you have any questions, contact Chris Simmers of my staff at 603-271-2155.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David G. Scott".

David G. Scott
Acting Director

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