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Notes/Comments:

Dear Steve:

Here is the invitation letter for the next Board on Radioactive Waste Management meeting on September 20, 2004. I hope you can participate. Feel free to call me if you have any question or comment.

Regards,

Barbara Pastina

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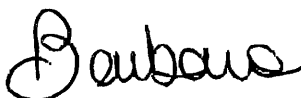
Dear Mr. Zappe: *Steve*

The Board on Radioactive Waste Management will hold its fall meeting on September 20, 2004, at the National Academies' Keck Center (500 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, D.C.). The meeting will focus on two main themes: 1) the recent Court of Appeals ruling concerning the Environmental Protection Agency's standards for Yucca Mountain, and 2) latest developments concerning the Department of Energy's policy on waste incidental to reprocessing. I am enclosing a draft agenda for your information. The board would like to invite you to speak at this meeting about New Mexico's perspective on the recent court rulings concerning high-level waste reclassification and your future plans concerning the issue.

We expect about 50 participants, including board members and staff, other federal officials, representatives of non-government organizations, and members of the media. The atmosphere is informal and conducive to the open exchange of ideas.

I hope you will be able to participate in our meeting.

Sincerely yours,



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cc: Kevin Crowley, Director, BRWM  
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## Board on Radioactive Waste Management

### Board on Radioactive Waste Management Fall Meeting

The Keck Center of the National Academies

500 Fifth Street NW

Washington, D.C. 20001

**Monday, September 20, 2004**

### DRAFT AGENDA

#### Morning session

#### TIME OUT ON THE EPA STANDARD FOR YUCCA MOUNTAIN?

- 8:45 am Welcome and introductions  
(Richard Meserve, BRWM chair)
- 8:55 am From the Energy Policy Act to the National Research Council's TYMS report  
(Representative from TYMS committee)
- 9:15 am Questions and discussion
- 9:25 am Court of Appeals ruling  
(Representatives from the State of Nevada and the Nuclear Energy Institute)
- 9:55 am Questions and discussion
- 10:10 am BREAK
- 10:30 am Panel discussion: Where do we go from here?  
(Representatives from EPA, DOE, USNRC, Congressional staff from the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources)
- 11:10 am Questions and discussion
- 11:30 am Opportunity for public comment
- 12:00 pm LUNCH

#### Afternoon session

#### WASTE NOT: INCIDENTAL PROCESSING FOR HIGH LEVEL WASTE

- 1:00 pm Introduction  
(BRWM member, TBD)
- 1:10 pm Court ruling refresher  
(Representative from the Natural Resources Defense Council)

- 1:20 pm Questions and discussion
- 1:30 pm Impacts of the ruling on EM Cleanup  
(Representative from DOE-Office of Environmental Management)
- 1:50 pm Questions and discussion
- 2:00 pm What do states want?  
(Representatives from Idaho, South Carolina, and Washington)
- 2:45 pm Questions and discussion
- 3:00 pm BREAK
- 3:15 pm Will Congress intervene?  
(Representatives from the Senate and House Armed Services committee staff)
- 3:45 pm Questions and discussion
- 4:00 pm Opportunity for public comment
- 4:30 pm Open meeting adjourns