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Dear Dr. Mettler:

Thank you for agreeing to serve as Panel Member to the Scientific Review Committee (SRC) for the Palomares, Spain, Program Review. The SRC consists of four scientists, two appointed by the Department of Energy (DOE) and two appointed by the Center for Energy, Environmental, and Technological Research (CIEMAT) of Spain. The other scientist appointed by DOE is Dr. Chester R. Richmond.

The purpose of the panel is to review and summarize the scientific and technological aspects of the program in Palomares, and to make recommendations on future directions. Recently, DOE and CIEMAT have agreed to a Charter, which outlines panel tasks, structure, meetings, compensation, reports, and tentative schedule. A copy of the Charter will be provided to you after it is signed by DOE and CIEMAT. Upon completion of its work, the panel will issue a final report to DOE and to CIEMAT containing its recommendations.

At this time, two trips to Spain by panel members are anticipated. An initial meeting in Madrid and a site tour of Palomares is currently being planned for 5 days during either the last week in January or the first week in February 1998. CIEMAT is preparing a tentative schedule that will be forwarded to you when completed. At the initial meeting, the panel members will elect a chair from among themselves and begin their work. A second meeting in Madrid will be scheduled for July 1998 for the panel to present its conclusions and recommendations to DOE and CIEMAT. For your efforts as a panel member, you will receive per diem expenses for travel to Spain and an honorarium of \$1,000.



Barrett N. Fountos of my staff is the Program Manager for this effort and can be reached on (301) 903-6740 should you have any questions.

Thank you for your willingness to serve on this important panel. I look forward to a successful program review.

Sincerely,

for Andy Lawrence

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