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MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Jackson
Commissioner Diaz
Commissioner McGaffigan

FROM: L. Joseph Callan
Executive Director for Operations

SUBJECT: NRC ISSUES WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AGENCY'S DRAFT YUCCA MOUNTAIN STANDARD
(40 CFR PART 197)

The Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) has requested the Federal agencies participating in the interagency discussions regarding U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) draft Environmental Radiation Protection Standards for Yucca Mountain, Nevada, to identify issues that need discussion by the interagency group (Attachment 1). OSTP asked that this be done by July 20, 1998, but U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff indicated that it would request the Commission to review its list of issues, and would not provide its list until early August. Issues identified by NRC staff concerning draft 40 CFR Part 197 are provided as Attachment 2. The issues identified are similar to those previously identified during the development of the Commission's cleanup rule and in comments to EPA during the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant certification process. NRC staff plans to provide the attached list to OSTP and the other participants by August 14, 1998, unless directed otherwise by the Commission.

SECY please track.

Attachments (2): As stated

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