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January 14, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR: James M. Taylor  
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary /S/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING BY DOE ON STATUS OF  
CIVILIAN HIGH LEVEL WASTE PROGRAM, 10:00 A.M.,  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1991, COMMISSIONERS'  
CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT NORTH,  
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by DOE on the status of civilian high level waste program.  
DOE was represented by:

Dr. John W. Bartlett, Director  
Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management

Mr. Frank Peters, Deputy Director  
Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management

Mr. John Roberts, Acting Associate Director  
Office of Systems and Compliance

Mr. Samuel Rousso, Associate Director  
Office of Program and Resources Management

Mr. Carl Gertz, Associate Director  
Office of Geologic Disposal

Mr. Ronald A. Milner, Acting Associate Director  
Office of Storage and Transportation

The Commission suggested that representatives of the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management meet with the Commission to discuss plans DOE has for data collection and database design and distribution. The Commission would also like to discuss the approach to documentation and the document control system including the LSS.

The Commission also requested a subsequent briefing from DOE which would focus on the MRS and should include the issue of taking title, the interim plans, the backup plans and the licensing demands on NRC.

The NRC requested that DOE also continue to provide feedback with respect to the resources and projected resource needs that the NRC is applying to licensing activities in the high-level waste area.

The NRC staff should work with the Department of Energy to determine the best method for resolving issues that involve "management of benefit at the margin". This activity should primarily be focused toward those technical matters where large uncertainties exist. The NRC staff should keep the Commission informed of progress in this area.

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cc: The Chairman  
Commissioner Rogers  
Commissioner Curtiss  
Commissioner Remick  
Commissioner de Planque  
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