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July 9, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary /s/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING BY DOE ON
STATUS OF CIVILIAN HIGH LEVEL WASTE PROGRAM,
9:00 A.M., WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 1992,
COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE
FLINT NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO
PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by DOE on the status of the 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
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Mr. Carl Gertz, Associate Director
Office of Geologic Disposal

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

The Commission requested that DOE provide further clarification of DOE's position, as described in the June 16, 1992 letter to NRC from the State of Nevada, on the "closure" of potential licensing issues during the prelicense review stage.

The Commission requested DOE's opinion on whether DOE, either intends, or has a legal obligation, to accept title to spent fuel in 1998 in the event that neither a waste repository nor a monitored retrievable storage (MRS) facility is available to receive spent fuel at that time. The Commission would appreciate some clarification of the positions set forth in the letters dated September 7, 1984 (to Senator Johnston), February 14, 1992 (to Sanda), May 27, 1992 (to Kessler) and May 29, 1992 (to Howard).

The Commission also requested that DOE provide, if possible, a copy of slide 7 (which was missing from the briefing package) which dealt with cost effectiveness matters.

cc: The Chairman
Commissioner Rogers
Commissioner Curtiss
Commissioner Remick
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Dear Dr. Bartlett:

Enclosed is the memorandum resulting from DOE's briefing on June 24, 1992 to the Commission on the status of the high level waste program. As you may recall, the Commission requested further information in several areas, as described in the enclosed memorandum.

Sincerely,

Samuel J. Chilk
Secretary of the Commission

Enclosure:
As stated