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MEMORANDUM FOR: James M. Taylor  
Executive Director for Operations

William C. Parler  
General Counsel

FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING ON ACTIVITIES  
OF THE CENTER FOR NUCLEAR WASTE REGULATORY  
ANALYSIS (CNWRA), 2:00 P.M., TUESDAY, MARCH  
17, 1992, COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE  
WHITE FLINT NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN  
TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by members of the NRC staff and representatives of the Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analysis (CNWRA) on the Center's recent accomplishments and planned activities in support of NRC's HLW program.

The Commission reiterated its previous request of the staff (SECY-91-260 SRM, October 31, 1991) to carefully examine the advisability of allowing use of the Center by the Environmental Protection Agency and other entities. The staff's report (due to the Commission on April 24, 1992) should thoroughly outline the advantages and disadvantages of such arrangements and should include a complete discussion of any potential conflicts of interest.

CNWRA and staff representatives discussed the need to clarify the relationship between the siting criteria in 10 CFR 60.122 and the performance objectives in §§ 60.112 and 60.113. NMSS staff and the Office of the General Counsel should provide the Commission a report describing the differing staff and CNWRA interpretations of these sections of the NRC's regulations along with a discussion of an approach to modification to the regulations the staff would recommend to resolve this issue.

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The staff should provide the Nuclear Safety Research Review Committee an update of recent progress in the area of performance assessment.

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6/30/92)

cc: The Chairman  
Commissioner Rogers  
Commissioner Curtiss  
Commissioner Remick  
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