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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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R E V I S E D

MEMORANDUM FOR: James M. Taylor
Executive Director for Operations

Lloyd J . Donnelly, Administrator
Licensing support system

FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING BY DOE ON
STATUS OF CIVILIAN HIGH LEVEL WASTE PROGRAM,
2:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1989,
COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE
FLINT NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO
PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by representatives from the
Department of Energy on the status of the Civilian High Level
Waste Program.

Representing DOE were:

- Leo P. Duffy, Director
Office of Environmental Restoration and Waste
Management and
Special Assistant to the Secretary for Coordination
of DOE Waste Management
- Frank Peters, Deputy Director
Office of civilian Radioactive Waste Management
- Carl Gertz, Project Manager
Yucca Mountain Project Office

- Ralph Stein
Assistant Director of Systems and Regulations

Chairman Carr requested DOE to transmit to the Commission all available information on the projected sources, characteristics, and volume of greater than Class-C radioactive waste and the Department's assessment of potential impacts of such waste on the high level waste repository program.

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Chairman Carr also:

1. Urged DOE to provide early priority to those issues which may most significantly impact the determination of site suitability for the repository.
2. Emphasized the importance of pre-licensing consultation between DOE and NRC as well as the continued interactions with the state and Indian tribes.
3. Emphasized that as long as the potential repository site is under consideration and site characterization is either ongoing or actively planned, development of the Licensing Support System should continue. He stressed the importance of maintaining an aggressive development schedule to ensure that the licensing support system is never on the critical path of the license review of the repository.

With regard to full system loading of documents into the LSS, however, the Commission notes DOE's announced delay in the filing of the application for the HLW repository and believes that the commencement and rate of loading of documents into the LSS should be approved by the Commission based on a cost and needs analyses.

(LSS) (SECY Suspense: As appropriate)

Subsequent to the briefing, the Commission requested the staff to review DOE's formal presentation as well as the transcription of the meeting and prepare recommendations on needed actions for the Commission which respond to issues and suggestions raised by DOE during the meeting.

(EDO) (SECY Suspense: 2/16/90)

cc: Chairman Carr
Commissioner Roberts

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