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MEMORANDUM FOR: Victor Stello, Jr. Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - I BRIEFING ON LLW PROGRAM, WEST VALLEY DEMONSTRATION PROJECT AND URANIUM MILL TAILINGS REMEDIAL ACTION PROJECT, 10:00 A.M., FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 1988, COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT NORTH, ROCK-VILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by the Department of Energy on the following radioactive waste programs:

- The Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action (UMTRA) Program;
- The West Valley Demonstration Project; and
- The Commercial Low-Level Waste Program.

Presentations by the Department of Energy were made by the following:

- John E. Baublitz, Acting Director Office of Remedial Action and Waste Technology
- Joseph A. Coleman, Director Division of Waste Technology Projects

Chairman Zech requested the staff to submit a Commission paper on NRC activities and resources relating to the West Valley Demonstration Project.

(EDO) (SECY Suspense: 8/31/88)

Chairman Zech and Commissioner Carr requested the staff to be alert to cost considerations on the three subject projects, as they may differ from the original projections, and keep the Commission updated on any significant change. -2-

Commissioner Carr emphasized to DOE that in times of limited resources, DOE should continue prioritizing efforts in order for the NRC staff to focus its limited resources on the most important activities. Commissioner Carr also encouraged DOE to pursue the most cost effective remedial actions consistent with potential risk to the public health and safety.

cc: Chairman Zech Commissioner Roberts Commissioner Carr Commissioner Rogers OGC GPA PDR - Advance DCS - P1-124