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

William C. Parler, General Counsel

FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING ON EFFORTS TO
LICENSE A HLW REPOSITORY STATUS OF CENTER
FOR NUCLEAR WASTE REPOSITORY ANALYSIS (CNWRA),
2:00 P.M., THURSDAY, MAY 12, 1988, COMMIS-
SIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT
NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC
ATTENDANCE)

The Commission* was briefed by the staff and the Office of the General Counsel on the status of prelicensing activities associated with the nation's repository of high level radioactive waste.

The Commission requested the following:

1. Commission paper on the NRC/DOE memorandum of understanding regarding payment of NRC expenses to license the HLW repository.
(EDO) (SECY Suspense: 6/15/88)
2. Joint Commission paper by the EDO and OGC to report on the careful examination of the body of regulation and guidance including staff technical positions, regulatory guides, and rulemakings to determine that the proper mix of regulatory tools is in place for the NRC to make a licensing determination. The body of regulations and guidance should be adequate to convey the appropriate degree of design conservatism and minimize issues that could result in a protracted hearing process.
(EDO/OGC) (SECY Suspense: 9/30/88)

* commissioners Bernthal and Carr were not present.

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3. Staff paper identifying the NRC resources required to review and approve the State of Nevada's quality assurance program as well as other activities not previously anticipated or scheduled. The paper should contain a listing of proposed rulemaking, branch technical positions, standards, etc., that may be suggested by the staff within the next six months to enhance the licensing of a HLW repository.

(EDO)

(SECY Suspense: 7/29/88)

4. Joint OGC/EDO Commission paper on the policy issues associated with the negotiated rulemaking effort (changes to 10 CFR Part 2 to allow for the development of a record and decision by the NRC in 18 months).

(Subsequent to the meeting, the Office of the General Counsel submitted SECY-88-140 in response to the Commission's request.)

5. Briefing on the Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analysis. Discussions should include resource requirements (particularly with regard to QA expertise), staffing, and initiatives to provide computer hardware.

(EDO)

(SECY Suspense: 8/31/88)

The Commission requested the staff to schedule adequate time for the Commission and the Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) to comment on the staff's review and comments on the final site characterization plan for Yucca Mountain. The Commission paper outlining the staff's recommendations should address the ACNW recommendations and comments.

cc: Chairman Zech
Commissioner Roberts
Commissioner Carr
Commissioner Rogers
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