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UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555

May 18 1988

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

FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secreta

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING ON NRC POINT  
PAPERS FOR DOE CONSULTATION DRAFT OF SITE  
CHARACTERIZATION PLAN FOR YUCCA MOUNTAIN,  
2:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 1988, COMMIS-  
SIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT  
NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC  
ATTENDANCE)

The Commission\* was briefed by the staff on NRC's review of the Department of Energy's Consultation Draft Site Characterization Plan for Yucca Mountain, the Congressional mandated candidate site for the repository of high-level radioactive waste.

The Commission emphasized the importance of the staff keeping the ACRS and, in particular, the new Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste fully informed on all staff pre-licensing activities related to the high-level waste repository. The staff should schedule time for both the ACNW and the Commission to review staff comments on the statutory site characterization plan.

The Commission also recommended that the staff prioritize its 110 comments and 50 questions prior to transmitting them in final to DOE and take the initiative to request a Commission meeting as important issues are raised in the future. In addition, the Commission directed the staff to continue to work closely with the State of Nevada in reviewing the progress and results of DOE's site characterization plan.

Chairman Zech and Commissioner Carr cautioned the staff to expend the effort necessary to ensure that the NRC research efforts in support of licensing the high-level waste repository are completed in sufficient time to meet NRC's licensing needs.

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\* Commissioner Roberts was not present.

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Commissioner Rogers stressed-that the staff should be mindful that the key management positions in DOE's high level waste program office are filled with non-permanent "acting managers" and their commitments to the staff may be subject to modifications by their successors.

cc: Chairman Zech  
Commissioner Roberts  
Commissioner Bernthal  
Commissioner Carr  
Commissioner Rogers  
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