

## UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555



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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman Zech

Commissioner Carr Commissioner Rogers Commissioner Curtiss

FROM:

Thomas M. Roberts TM

SUBJECT:

OFFICE OF THE LICENSING SUPPORT SYSTEM ADMINISTRATOR

In October of this year the Commission published for public comments the revisions to 10 CFR Part 2 which would establish the procedures for the high-level waste licensing proceeding. The public was given 30 days in which to comment. The staff should be in the process of evaluating the public comments and should have its recommendation to the Commission soon. Therefore I suggest that we await the staff's recommendation before we decide on the need and structure of the Office of the Licensing Support System Administrator.

Additionally, I requested "... public comments on any alternative to this system that would lead to a further reduction of the time for licensing the permanent repository." I would like to factor any public comments the Commission receives into my decision on the proposed office.

cc: SECY