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TECHNICAL INFORMATION: DRAFT NCRP DOCUMENT SC87-3, PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT OF NEAR SURFACE FACILITIES FOR DISPOSAL OF LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE (STP-01-076)

This letter announces the availability for review the draft report prepared by Scientific Committee 87-3 of the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements (NCRP) titled, "Performance Assessment of Near-Surface Facilities for Disposal of Low-Level Waste," August 20, 2001. This draft document can be found in electronic format at www.ncrp.com. (Because of the large size of the document, a longer time may be required to download it.) Please provide your comments* by November 12, 2001 to the contact person named below. If you require more time, please contact William M. Beckner, Secretary, NCRP, at 301-657-2652, to make arrangements to send your comments to NCRP. When sending comments to NCRP after November 12, please copy the contact person named below. Please also note that the document is marked:

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Background

The purpose of this report is to provide a review of the concepts underlying performance assessments of near-surface disposal facilities for low-level radioactive waste and approaches to conducting such assessments. This review includes discussions on the nature and scope of performance assessment, currently accepted approaches to conducting all aspects of a performance assessment, and unresolved issues in conducting performance assessments and applying the results.

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