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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WITHDRAWAL OF STAFF TECHNICAL POSITIONS
RELATING TO A HIGH-LEVEL WASTE REPOSITORY

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission

ACTION: Notice of Draft Staff Technical Positions Now Considered Obsolete

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff is announcing its intention to withdraw from further consideration five (listed below) draft staff technical positions (STPs) (currently listed in the "Selected NRC Products - - High Level Waste Program").

The staff does not intend to finalize these five draft STPs and therefore considers them to be obsolete. However, the staff continues to have a regulatory interest in these subjects and will rely on ongoing or future activities, as necessary, to communicate guidance in these areas.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NRC staff is withdrawing from further consideration the following five draft STPs.

	Title	Date
1.	Licensing Assessment Methodology for HLW Geologic Repositories (Draft)	July 1984

2. ISTP for Nevada Nuclear Waste Storage Investigations (NNWSI) (Draft) September 1984
3. Interpretation and Identification of the Disturbed Zone (Draft) July 1986
4. Groundwater Travel Time (Draft) July 1986
5. Guidance for Determination of Anticipated Processes and Events and Unanticipated Processes and Events (Draft) February 1988

Under current plans, the staff will likely cover several of the topics of the draft STPs in its review plan for reviewing a license application of the U. S. Department of Energy (DOE) for a geologic repository (i.e., License Application Review Plan for the Review of a License Application for a Geologic Repository for Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste, Yucca Mountain Site, Nevada). Other topics of the draft STPs may be addressed by NRC rulemaking or implementing guidance after the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issues general standards for disposal of High-Level Waste (HLW) at the proposed Yucca Mountain repository site. Issuance of those EPA standards, expected possibly by late 1995, will trigger NRC's obligation to conform its technical criteria and requirements for HLW disposal pursuant to the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (Public Law 102-486). In developing any such documents or rulemakings, the staff will take into consideration all relevant information including, as appropriate, previously received comments on the draft STPs.

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