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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555

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August 4, 1992

Mr. James M. Taylor
Executive Director for Operations
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Taylor:

SUBJECT: STAFF TECHNICAL POSITION ON GEOLOGIC REPOSITORY
OPERATIONS AREA UNDERGROUND FACILITY DESIGN - THERMAL
LOADS

During its 45th meeting, July 29-30, 1992, the Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste met with the NRC staff to review the final version of the subject Technical Position.

As a result of this review, we recommend that the Technical Position be modified to include explicit mention of the applicability of empirically derived models in the assessment process. We also recommend that the NRC staff review the transcript of our meeting regarding other minor and editorial changes.

Otherwise, we believe that the NRC staff has satisfactorily responded to our concerns and the comments of others made on the earlier draft and that the Technical Position is ready for formal publication.

Sincerely,

Dade W. Moeller

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Chairman

Reference:

Draft of Final Staff Technical Position (STP) on "Geologic Repository Operations Area Underground Facility Design -- Thermal Loads," transmitted July 8, 1992 in Memorandum from B. J. Youngblood, NMSS, to Raymond F. Fraley, ACNW

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