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SUBJECT: HLW PRELICENSING SITE CHARACTERIZATION REPORTS

This will set forth my understanding of the discussion we had on October 13 regarding the DOE Site Characterization Reports and confirm the commitment I made regarding those reports.

It is my understanding that you expect to receive from DOE on or about November 15, 1982 an 1800- page report that cites about 900 references. DOE has agreed to supply approximately 125 copies, and that amount will be adequate for NMSS to provide (1) copies to state officials (10) in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 60 and (2) copies to NRC staff, contractors, and the PDR (approximately 75). This supply will be adequate to assure that the required Federal Register notice can be issued by NRC and that the review leading to the NRC draft Site Characterization Analysis can proceed on schedule.

You are concerned, however, that DOE is not prepared to make the Site Characterization Reports (SCR) publicly available to the extent you anticipate public interest in this subject. Since it does not appear to be NRC's responsibility, I agreed to discuss this matter with DOE to determine the course they plan to pursue with regard to both the availability of the SCRs and the references therein.

I will suggest to DOE that they make the SCRs available immediately upon publication at (1) NTIS (National Technical Information Service) for purchase, (2) the DOE Public Document Room, and (3) the Depository Libraries (in lieu of or in addition to LPDRs). Further, in anticipation of FOIA requests for the reference documents, I will request that DOE also make available, in the DOE Public Document Room, microfiche copies of all references. Inasmuch as NRC also needs the references for review of the reports, I will request a set of reproducible set of microfiche for NMSS.

Assuming agreement of DOE, I will complete the availability of information portion of the draft Federal Register Notice and return it to you. It would then be to your interest to prepare a notice for us to distribute to NMSS's High-Level Waste Distribution Code citing the availability of the SCRs.

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If all this works as it should, the SCRs will be available for purchase at NTIS within six weeks of the publication date of the SCR.

In the discussion with DOE I will also bring out the problems that will arise if there is proprietary information in the SCRs. In that event, two versions of the report will be needed by NRC and DOE.

In the event DOE wants to also make free distribution to public interest groups and the NMSS High-Level Waste Distribution Code, I will offer labels for both distribution codes. This distribution would be large:

High-Level Waste	871
Public Interest Groups	640
Public Affairs	30
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I will keep you informed of my results.



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