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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WASTE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555

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The Honorable Ivan Selin
Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Chairman Selin:

SUBJECT: SUMMARY REPORT - FIFTY-EIGHTH MEETING OF THE ADVISORY
COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WASTE, OCTOBER 27-28, 1993

During its 58th meeting, September 27-28, 1993, held in the Connecticut Room at the Holiday Inn, Bethesda, Maryland, the Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste discussed several matters as noted below.

HIGHLIGHTS OF KEY ISSUES CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE

1. Discussion on the White Paper

Drs. Moeller and Steindler met with Commissioners Rogers and de Planque on October 28th to discuss a draft version of the White Paper.

The Committee continued its work on the preparation of a three part "White Paper" that addresses the Committee operational plan, major nuclear waste program issues for ACNW review, and resource requirements. The members reviewed the revised document and incorporated the comments provided by the Commissioners. The White Paper was transmitted to the Commission on November 10, 1993.

2. Reports on Technical Meetings Attended

The Committee heard reports from ACNW members, staff, and a representative of the U.S. Geological Survey on recent technical meetings that they had attended. The meetings were:

- Hydrology Research Coordination Meeting, Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses (CNWRA), San Antonio, Texas, October 5-6, 1993
- NRC/DOE Technical Exchange on Radionuclide Migration in the Unsaturated Zone and Near Field Phenomenon, Los Alamos, New Mexico, October 13-14, 1993

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- Surface Based Dry Drilling and the Exploratory Studies Facility Underground Testing Program, Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board, Las Vegas, Nevada, October 19-20, 1993

This briefing was for information only. No Committee action was taken at this meeting.

3. Briefing on Technical Training Programs by NRC's Office for Analysis and Evaluation of Operational Data

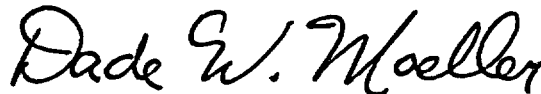
The Committee was briefed by representatives of the Office for Analysis and Evaluation of Operational Data (AEOD) regarding the NRC technical training program, including staffing and programmatic issues. The AEOD will seek Committee comments on its training program in early 1994.

No Committee action was taken at this meeting.

4. Committee Activities/Future Agenda

- The 59th ACNW meeting will be held at the St. Tropez Conference Center in Las Vegas, Nevada, on December 13, 1993. A Working Group meeting on Characterization of the Unsaturated Zone Flow and Transport Properties will be held at the same location on December 14, 1993. A tour of the Yucca Mountain site will be held on December 15, 1993.
- The Committee agreed to hold its 60th meeting on December 20-21, 1993. The Committee will meet with the Commissioners to discuss future Committee activities with the White Paper serving as the basis for the discussion.
- The Committee agreed tentatively to hold the 61st ACNW meeting on January 19-20, 1994, and the 62nd ACNW meeting on February 23-24, 1994. The agenda will be published at a later date.

Sincerely,



Dade W. Moeller
Chairman