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FROM: B. J. Youngblood, Director
Division of High-Level Waste Management, NMSS

SUBJECT: PROBABILISTIC RISK ASSESSMENT TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER
PROGRAM FOR FY-93 AND OUT-YEARS

In response to your request, my staff has reviewed the FY-93 training schedule and evaluated additional Probabilistic Risk Assessment (PRA) training needs for FY-93 and out-years. Based on this review, the following priorities have been identified. My staff is currently working with staff of the Organizational Development and Training Branch in the Office of Personnel to develop two courses which are extremely important to the mission of the Division of High-Level Waste Management. Because implementation of the regulatory requirements for the high-level waste repository will rely to a substantial degree on performance assessments at both the total system and subsystem levels for compliance demonstration, it is essential to promote a thorough understanding of this methodology among managers and practitioners.

The development of the first course, which will provide managers with an overview of the approach and techniques for high-level waste performance assessment, is nearing completion. A pilot and two offerings of this course will be required in FY-93. A single offering in FY-94 will serve our needs. Development of a second course in performance assessment techniques for practitioners is needed early in FY-93. We are already working with Office of Personnel staff in the early development of this course using experience from the prior course in performance assessment techniques. A pilot and two offerings of the course for practitioners will be needed in FY-93 and two offerings in FY-94.

Please contact Margaret Federline, Chief, Hydrology and Systems Performance Branch (504-3396) if you have any questions concerning our training requirements in this area.

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