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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** All Waste Management Staff  
**FROM:** John B. Martin, Director  
 Division of Waste Management  
**SUBJECT:** PROCEDURES FOR REQUESTING REVIEW OF NRC DOCUMENTS  
 BY DOE

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1. Notify DOE-HQ as far in advance as possible when a review is likely to occur and when a document for review is scheduled to be published; Carl Newton is the DOE-HQ contact.
2. Review times for documents should be worked out with DOE so that they can accommodate the review without impacting their contractors workload.
3. NRC will distribute copies of the document to be reviewed directly to the reviewers. The distribution list should be worked out with C. Newton.
4. H. Miller should be informed of any such requests for review and of the arrangements that are agreed to for the review.

Original Signed by  
John B. Martin

John B. Martin, Director  
Division of Waste Management

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| Note to MJBell fm JBMartin on Letter fm Ballard, DOE dtd 4/1/82:<br>"Establish suitable procedures for all HLW issues."<br>JBM<br>CLOSED 4/27/82 by WM Policy 24 to WM Staff from JBMartin |  | <b>MJBell</b>  | <b>4/6</b>                           |                          |
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Dr. Michael J. Bell, Chief  
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
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Dear Dr. Bell: *Mike*

Your letter of March 12, 1982 solicited suggestions from DOE on how to avoid a repeat of the situation which occurred on NRC's request for review of NUREG-0856. We have several suggestions.

First, multiple copies of the document you want reviewed should be sent directly to the distribution list set up by DOE-HQ. Mr. Carl Newton of my office, who is my representative for interactions with NRC, should be contacted so that a suitable distribution list can be worked out.

Secondly, coordination between our offices of review times for these kinds of documents would be helpful. At some times of the year our contractors have a heavy workload and may need a longer review time. It would be useful if you would notify us that a document is to be published before you actually place a notice in the Federal Register specifying the comment period.

Thirdly, let DOE-HQ know as soon as possible when a review is likely to occur and particularly when a document will be published which is scheduled for review. We will direct and coordinate the field review of these documents and will establish review times based on the availability date and the review period.

I thank you for your responsiveness to our February 16 request and for the extension period on the review of NUREG-0856. We will attempt to follow the same general procedures on our documents which we send to you for review and comment.

Sincerely,

*Wade*

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