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MEMORANDUM FOR: Joseph M. Felton, Director
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FROM: Hubert J. Miller, Chief
High-Level Waste Technical
Development Branch
Division of Waste Management

SUBJECT: FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE ON "DRAFT NRC REVIEW PLAN:
QUALITY ASSURANCE FOR SITE CHARACTERIZATION OF HIGH
LEVEL NUCLEAR WASTE REPOSITORIES"

Attached is a Federal Register Notice regarding a draft NRC Review
Plan: Quality Assurance Programs for Site Characterization of High Level
Nuclear Waste Repositories. The original and 12 copies are provided in
accordance with SECY procedures.

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Hubert J. Miller, Chief
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should specifically explain the reasons why intervention should be permitted with particular reference to the following factors: (1) The nature of the petitioner's right under the Act to be made a party to the proceeding; (2) the nature and extent of the petitioner's property, financial, or other interest in the proceeding; and (3) the possible effect of any order which may be entered in the proceeding on the petitioner's interest. The petition should also identify the specific aspect(s) of the subject matter of the proceeding as to which petitioner wishes to intervene. Any person who has filed a petition for leave to intervene. Any person who has filed a petition for leave to intervene or who has been admitted as a party may amend the petition without requesting leave of the Board up to fifteen (15) days prior to the first prehearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, but such an amended petition must satisfy the specificity requirements described above.

Not later than fifteen (15) days prior to the first prehearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, a petitioner shall file a supplement to the petition to intervene which must include a list of the contentions which are sought to be litigated in the matter, and the bases for each contention set forth with reasonable specificity. Contentions shall be limited to matters within the scope of the amendment under consideration. A petitioner who fails to file such a supplement which satisfies these requirements with respect to at least one contention will not be permitted to participate as a party.

Those permitted to intervene become parties to the proceeding, subject to any limitations in the order granting leave to intervene, and have the opportunity to participate fully in the conduct of the hearing, including the opportunity to present evidence and cross-examine witnesses.

If a hearing is requested, the Commission will make a final determination on the issue of no significant hazards consideration. The final determination will serve to decide when the hearing is held.

If the final determination is that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration, the Commission may issue the amendment and make it effective, notwithstanding the request for a hearing. Any hearing held would take place after issuance of the amendment.

If the final determination is that the amendment involves a significant hazards consideration, any hearing held would take place before the issuance of any amendment.

Normally, the Commission will not issue the amendment until the expiration of the 30-day notice period. However, should circumstances change during the notice period such that failure to act in a timely way would result, for example, in derating or shutdown of the facility, the Commission may issue the license amendment before the expiration of the 30-day notice period, provided that its final determination is that the amendment involves no significant hazards consideration. The final determination will consider all public and State comments received. Should the Commission take this action, it will publish a notice of issuance and provide for opportunity for a hearing after issuance. The Commission expects that the need to take this action will occur very infrequently.

A request for a hearing or a petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, Attention: Docket and Service Branch, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, NW., Washington, D.C., by the above date. Where petitions are filed during the last ten (10) days of the notice period, it is requested that the petitioner promptly so inform the Commission by a toll-free telephone call to Western Union at (800) 325-6000 (in Missouri (800) 342-6700). The Western Union operator should be given Datagram Identification Number 3737 and the following message addressed to John F. Stolz: petitioner's name and telephone number; date petition was mailed; plant name; and publication date and page number of the Federal Register notice. A copy of the petition should also be sent to the Executive Legal Director, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, and to Shaw, Pittman, Potts, and Trowbridge, 1800 M Street, NW., Washington, D.C. 20036, attorney for the licensees.

Nontimely filings of petitions for leave to intervene, amended petitions, supplemental petitions and/or requests for hearing will not be entertained absent a determination by the Commission, the presenting officer or the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board designated to rule on the petition and/or request, that the petitioner has made a substantial showing of good cause for the granting of a late petition and/or request. That determination will be based upon a balancing of the factors specified in 10 CFR 2.714(a)(1)(i)-(v) and 2.714(d).

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment which is available for public

inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, NW., Washington, D.C. and at the Government Publications Section, State Library of Pennsylvania, Education Building, Commonwealth and Walnut Streets, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17126.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland, this 13th day of July 1983.

For The Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

John F. Stolz,

Chief, Operating Reactor Branch No. 4,
Division of Licensing.

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Quality Assurance for Site Characterization of High Level Nuclear Waste; Availability of Draft Review Plan

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has completed a draft on the "NRC Review Plan—Quality Assurance for Site Characterization of High Level Nuclear Waste Repositories."

A public comment period has been scheduled for 45 days following publication of this Notice of Availability.

ADDRESS: Copies of this draft document may be obtained free of charge upon written request to Nancy Still, Docket Control Center, Division of Waste Management, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Mail Stop 623-SS, Washington, DC 20555, (301) 427-4426.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jay E. Rhoderick, Project Manager, High-Level Waste Technical Development Branch, Division of Waste Management, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Telephone No. (301) 427-4682.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This review plan is one in a series of technical documents prepared by the NRC staff guiding review of quality assurance aspects of DOE site characterization programs at potential repository sites to assure that adequate information is being gathered for licensing. (Subsequent technical documents will be noticed in the Federal Register). In the review plan, the NRC staff has identified its approach and the specific criteria to be applied in reviewing the quality assurance programs of site characterization activities. This review plan effectively provides guidance to DOE on what the NRC considers necessary in establishing

a quality assurance program for site characterization activities.

The principal mechanism for providing guidance to the DOE is completion by the NRC staff of Site Characterization Analyses which document critical reviews on DOE Site Characterization Plans submitted according to the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 (Pub. L. 97-425). The NRC staff already has dealt with major issues of High Level Waste Isolation in a comprehensive fashion in NUREG-0960, the Draft Site Characterization Analysis of the Site Characterization Report for the Basalt Waste Isolation Project. In NUREG-0960, the NRC staff identifies the full range of issues that will need to be addressed in evaluating performance of the repository system, including both natural and engineered barriers.

On selected key issues important to repository performance such as quality assurance, the staff will be addressing generic concerns in technical documents which are developed through a process that allows for public comment. The intent of the staff is to assure that guidance is provided to DOE at an early time and thus assure that the DOE gathers needed data in site characterization programs.

Dated at Silver Spring, Maryland, this 12th day of July 1983.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,
Hubert J. Miller,
Chief, High-Level Waste Technical
Development Branch, Division of Waste
Management.

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[Construction Permit No. CPPR-154;
Docket No. 50-508; ASLBP No. 83-486-01
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Washington Public Power Supply System, et al.; Reconstitution of Board

Pursuant to the authority contained in 10 CFR 2.721 (1980), the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board for *Washington Public Power Supply System, et al.* (WPPSS, Unit 3), Docket No. 50-508, is hereby reconstituted by appointing Dr. Richard F. Foster to the Board in place of Dr. James H. Carpenter, who is presently unable to serve.

As reconstituted, the Board is comprised of the following Administrative Judges: Morton B. Margulies, Chairman; Mr. Frederick J. Shon; Dr. Richard F. Foster.

All correspondence, documents and other material shall be filed with the Board in accordance with 10 CFR 2.701 (1980). The address of the new Board member is: Administrative Judge Richard

F. Foster, P.O. Box 4263, Sunriver,
Oregon 97702.

Issued at Bethesda, Maryland, this 12th day
of July, 1983.

B. Paul Cotter, Jr.,
Chief Administrative Judge, Atomic Safety
and Licensing Board Panel.

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Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, Subcommittee on Westinghouse Water Reactors; Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittee on Westinghouse Water Reactors will hold a meeting on August 10, 1983, at the Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge, Route 22 and 48, Monroeville, PA, 8:30 a.m. until the conclusion of business. The Subcommittee will discuss the pre-Preliminary Design Approval review of Westinghouse Advanced Pressurized Water Reactor (WAPWR) design.

The entire meeting will be closed to public attendance in order to protect Westinghouse proprietary information concerning the WAPWR (Sunshine Act Exemption 4).

During the initial portion of the meeting, the Subcommittee, along with any of its consultants who may be present, may exchange preliminary views regarding matters to be considered during the balance of the meeting.

The Subcommittee will then hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of Westinghouse, NRC Staff, and their consultants regarding this review.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been cancelled or rescheduled can be obtained by a prepaid telephone call to the cognizant Designated Federal Employee, Mr. Anthony Cappucci (telephone 202/634-3267) between 8:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., EDT.

I have determined, in accordance with Subsection 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, that it will be necessary to close this meeting to protect proprietary information. The authority for such closure is Exemption (4) to the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4).

Dated: July 14, 1983.

John C. Hoyle,
Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Performance Review Board; Membership

Notice is hereby given in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 4314 of a revision in the membership of the Performance Review Board of the Office of Management and Budget. The revision consists of the following appointments:

John Cogan, Associate Director for Human Resources, Veterans and Labor—two years
Phil DuSault, Deputy Associate Director for International Affairs Division—two years
Darwin Johnson, Chief, Fiscal Analysis Branch, Budget Review Division—two years.

The above will join Ken Ryder, Chief of the Housing Branch, Transportation, Commerce, and Housing Division and John McNicholas, Chief of Information Policy Branch, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs who are currently on the Board. Ken Ryder has also been appointed as the new Chairman of the Performance Review Board. Candice C. Bryant, Deputy Associate Director for Administration will continue to serve as the Executive Secretary of the Board.

Candice C. Bryant,
Deputy Associate Director for
Administration.

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POSTAL RATE COMMISSION

Notice of Visit

[Note.—This notice was originally published on Tuesday, July 19, 1983, at 48 FR 32908. It was incorrectly placed in the "Sunshine Act Meetings" section of that issue and is republished in the regular "Notices" section.]

July 15, 1983.

Notice is hereby given that Commission Staff Members will visit the Main Post Office, Washington, D.C., on Thursday, July 21, 1983, to observe the automated sorting equipment used as part of the ZIP + 4 program.

A report of the visit will be on file in the Commission's Docket Section.

Cyril J. Pittack,
Acting Secretary.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review

AGENCY: Railroad Retirement Board.