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MEMORANDUM FOR: Guy H. Cunnningham, Director  
Office of the Executive  
Legal Director

FROM: John G. Davis, Director  
Office of Nuclear Material Safety  
and Safeguards

SUBJECT: BRIEFING OF DOE ON NRC LICENSING PROCESS

This is to confirm the arrangements made with William Olmstead of your office regarding ELD participation in a briefing of the senior officers of the DOE's Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management. The briefing will cover three subjects: (1) legal aspects of the licensing process (to be given by ELD), (2) recent "lessons learned" in the QA area (to be given by I&E), and (3) unique features of the HLW licensing procedures that are designed to account for past experience (to be given by NMSS). The first briefing is scheduled for September 26 at DOE headquarters. Subsequent briefings will be given at three DOE field offices: Hanford, Washington; NTS, Nevada; and Columbus, Ohio. The briefings at the DOE field offices will be for both DOE staff and their key contractor personnel. These briefings are very important since many of the DOE personnel have never been involved in the licensing process before.

Attached is a copy of the proposed format. Seth Coplan of DWM will be contacting your staff in regard to the specific arrangements. I appreciate the cooperation your staff is providing in this effort.

(Signed) John G. Davis, Director  
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Office of Nuclear Material Safety  
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FORMAT FOR JOINT NRC/DOE  
BRIEFING OF DOE FIELD OFFICES

Speakers

DOE - Benard C. Rusche, Director (CRWM)

NRC - John G. Davis, Director (NMSS)

William Omstead, Director - Regulations Division (ELD).

Ted Ankrum, Chief - Quality Assurance Branch, Quality Assurance,  
Safeguards and Inspection Programs (IE).

Robert E. Browning, Director - Division of Waste Management (NMSS).

Hubert J. Miller, Chief - Repository Projects Branch,  
Division of Waste Management (NMSS).

Proposed Attendees

DOE Field Offices - General Managers of the DOE Field Offices HLW  
Project Management and Staff.

DOE Contractors - Top Management through HLW Project/Task Management.

Presentation

1. Benard Rusche - 5 to 10 minutes  
Brief statement of the national goal of, and concerns involved with the HLW repository project. Describe roles of DOE, DOE contractors/subcontractors, and NRC in meeting the ultimate goal and establishing credibility that a licensed geologic repository is safe, effective and can be efficiently developed/operated.
2. John Davis - 5 to 10 minutes  
Brief discussion of NRC's involvement in the HLW repository project. General overview of the NRC organizational structure. Outline of the topics to be covered in the briefing and an introduction to the speakers addressing these topics.
3. William Omstead - 30 to 45 minutes  
Discussion on the licensing process and the dynamics of the hearing process. Review of case histories (examples of potential pitfalls such as issues being raised for the first time late in the process and, in consequence, delaying licensing).

4. **Ted Ankrum - 30 to 45 minutes**  
Discussion of considerations needed to assure quality during repository development and licensing. Review of case histories and the Ford Amendment study to address "lessons learned" from reactor licensing. Discussion of the emphasis NRC Staff is now placing on Quality Assurance to alert DOE of the scrutiny they will be subjected to during licensing.
5. **Browning/Miller - 30 to 45 minutes**  
Summary of the problems described by Olmstead/Ankrum and their potential relevance to licensing of a repository. Discussion of specific provisions in NWPA and 10 CFR 60 intended to prevent the problems encountered in reactor licensing. (e.g., description of the approaches to and objectives of prelicensing consultation activities between NRC and DOE aimed at averting such problems).

Schedule

<u>Day</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Location</u>
Monday (PM)	SRP	Columbia, OH
Tuesday (AM)	CPO	Chicago, IL
Wednesday (AM)	NNWSI	Las Vegas, NV
Thursday (AM)	BWIP	Pasco, WA

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John G. Davis, Director  
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