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**SUBJECT: DEVELOP RESPONSES TO COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT BRANCH  
TECHNICAL POSITION ON LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE  
PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT (NUREG-1573) - AREA 4**

Dear Dr. Brown:

Enclosed are the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) furnished materials for work under Area 4 of J5131. Specifically, the following items are provided:

- Draft Branch Technical Position (BTP) on Low-Level Radioactive Waste Performance Assessment (NUREG-1573)
- Copies of comments received in response to the May 29, 1997, Federal Register Notice (FRN)
- Copies of comments received on the preliminary draft BTP, through the Strategic Assessment Rebaselining Initiative
- The Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste's August 22, 1996, meeting transcript

The comments received in response to the May 29, 1997, FRN have been electronically scanned; therefore, I will also E-mail you an electronic copy of these comments.

I am also enclosing a copy of the Task Order issued with NRC Form 173. As reflected in the Task Order, you are asked to begin by grouping the comments according to the nature of the issue. Staff wants to meet with you to review the groupings, before you begin developing a proposed response.

If you have any questions, please give me a call at (301) 415-6718 or you may reach me via INTERNET (mxt2@nrc.gov)..

Sincerely,

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