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SUBJECT: IAEA Request for U.S. Comments

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Attached is a State Department cable requesting U.S. comments on the attached copy of the IAEA Safety Series report entitled "IAEA Safety Standards for Underground Disposal of High-Level Radioactive Wastes." This is the final result of several previous reviews.

The IAEA is requesting comments by March 15, 1988. I received the same request at the IAEA TRCUD meeting last week. I would be happy to incorporate and transmit your comments if received by Wednesday, March 9, 1988.

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Attachment

cc: D. Galson, NRC

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR U.S. GOVERNMENT COMMENTS ON DRAFT

- SAFETY SERIES REPORT "IAEA SAFETY STANDARDS
- FOR UNDERGROUND DISPOSAL OF HIGH-LEVEL
- RADIOACTIVE WASTES"
- 1. SUBJECT REQUEST HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE MISSION IN AGENCY LETTER DATED 12 JANUARY 1988. AGENCY REQUESTS COMMENTS BY 15 MARCH 1988. THEREFORE, MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE COORDINATED U.S.G. RESPONSE BY 9 MARCH 1988.
- 2. ORIGINAL LETTER OF REQUEST TOGETHER WITH DRAFT REPORT ARE BEING AIR MAILED THIS DATE TO LINDA GALLINI.
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Dete ROUTING AND TRANSMITTAL SLIP 2-5-88 TO: (Name, office symbol, room number, building, Agency/Post) Initials Date IO/SCT - DOS T.WILKINSON, OES/NTS <u>PETER BRUSH. IE/NP - DOE</u> J. SHEA/ RON HAUBER, EW/S, E409 - NRC Note and Return Action File Approvat For Clearance Per Conversation As Requested For Correction Prepare Reply See Me Circulate For Your Information Signature Comment Investigate Coordination Justify

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U.S. GOVT. COMMENTS ON DRAFT SAFETY SERIES REPORT "IAEA SAFETY STANDARDS FOR UNDERGROUND DISPOSAL OF HIGH-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTES .. USV 80

Attached is information on the above subject for your handling.

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T2.03 Circ.

12 January 1988

Sir,

I have the honour to forward the enclosed draft Safety Series Report, "IAEA Safety Standards for Underground Disposal of High-level Radioactive Wastes" for review by your competent authorities. These Safety Standards have been prepared with the objective of providing the Member States with basic guidance on protection of humans and the environment from the hazards associated with deep geological disposal of high-level radioactive wastes.

The document was prepared by the common IAEA mechanism with consultants, advisory group and technical review committee members who have thoroughly reviewed the text of the document. The English version of the document is enclosed; however, for those Member States for which the official language of correspondence is French, Russian or Spanish, the appropriate version will be mailed after its completion.

The Agency's Secretariat is planning to present the document to the Board of Governors in June 1988 and, therefore, needs to receive any comments on the draft by 15 March 1988. The responsible IAEA officer for this report is Mr. I.F. Vovk of the Division of Nuclear Fuel Cycle. He may be contacted for further information in connection with the subject.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Leonard Konstantinov Acting Director General

Enclosure

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