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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555

May 26, 1988

NMSS - action

See schedule... NMSS schedule... State of Nevada... DOE schedule... NRC activities...

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman Zech ✓
FROM: Kenneth C. Rogers
SUBJECT: AGENCY SCHEDULE FOR YUCCA MOUNTAIN SITE CHARACTERIZATION PLAN APPROVAL AND LICENSING

I am concerned about the apparent number of substantive agency activities that must be accomplished and the relatively short time frame available to accomplish them if current DOE Project Decision Schedule milestones for the Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Plan (SCP) approval and licensing are to be met.

I would recommend that the NMSS and Research staff in consultation with OGC develop a reasonably detailed schedule of NRC activities (a Level 1 or 2 schedule supporting the DOE program milestones) for early Commission review which includes a critical path analysis.

Handwritten signature of Kenneth C. Rogers

Kenneth C. Rogers
Commissioner

cc: Commissioner Roberts
Commissioner Carr
OGC
EDO
SECY

I basically agree with your observations and will ask the EDO to consider your thoughts and take appropriate action, informing the Commission of his response.

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Lando W. Zech, Jr.

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SAMUEL J. CHILK
SECY

TO:

EDO

FOR SIGNATURE OF: ** BLUE ** SECY NO:

ASSIGNED TO: CONTACT:
HLWM

DESC: ROUTING:

SRM, DATED 6/6/88 RE: MAY 12, 1988 BREIFING OF COMMISSION ON THE CENTER FOR NUCLEAR WASTE REGULATORY ANALYSIS (CNWRA) - MULTIPLE ACTIONS ON SAME SRM
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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS OR REMARKS:

HLWM - PLEASE WORK WITH OGC AND PREPARE ITEMS AS REQUESTED IN SRM. PLEASE NOTE THERE IS MORE THAN ONE ITEM HERE. ADDITIONAL DUE DATES ARE 8/15/88 AND 9/12/88.



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ACTION - Thompson, NMSS

June 6, 1988

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Victor Stello, Jr.
Executive Director for Operations

William C. Parler, General Counsel

FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary *SC*

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING ON EFFORTS TO
LICENSE A HLW REPOSITORY AND STATUS OF CENTER
FOR NUCLEAR WASTE REPOSITORY ANALYSIS (CNWRA),
2:00 P.M., THURSDAY, MAY 12, 1988, COMMIS-
SIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT
NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC
ATTENDANCE)

The Commission* was briefed by the staff and the Office of the
General Counsel on the status of prelicensing activities
associated with the nation's repository of high level radioactive
waste.

The Commission requested the following:

1. Commission paper on the NRC/DOE memorandum of understanding
regarding payment of NRC expenses to license the HLW
repository. Complete - Paper t
{EDO} (ARM) (SECY Suspense: 6/15/88) SECY 6/3/88
2. Joint Commission paper by the EDO and OGC to report on the
careful examination of the body of regulation and guidance
including staff technical positions, regulatory guides,
and rulemakings to determine that the proper mix of
regulatory tools is in place for the NRC to make a licensing
determination. The body of regulations and guidance
should be adequate to convey the appropriate degree of
design conservatism and minimize issues that could result
in a protracted hearing process.
{EDO/OGC} {SECY-Suspense: 9/30/88}
(NMSS) (EDO Suspense: 9/16/88)
4/12/88

* Commissioners Bernthal and Carr were not present.

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- 3. Staff paper identifying the NRC resources required to review and approve the State of Nevada's quality assurance program as well as other activities not previously anticipated or scheduled. The paper should contain a listing of proposed rulemaking, branch technical positions, standards, etc., that may be suggested by the staff within the next six months to enhance the licensing of a HLW repository.
~~-(EDO)-~~ (NMSS) (SECY Suspense: 7/29/88) *NMSS Suspense 7/15*

- 4. Joint OGC/EDO Commission paper on the policy issues associated with the negotiated rulemaking effort (changes to 10 CFR Part 2 to allow for the development of a record and decision by the NRC in 18 months).

(Subsequent to the meeting, the Office of the General Counsel submitted SECY-88-140 in response to the Commission's request.)

- 5. Briefing on the Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analysis. Discussions should include resource requirements (particularly with regard to QA expertise), staffing, and initiatives to provide computer hardware.
~~-(EDO)-~~ (NMSS) ~~(SECY-Suspense: 8/31/88)~~ (EDO Suspense: 8/19/88)

The Commission requested the staff to schedule adequate time for the Commission and the Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) to comment on the staff's review and comments on the final site characterization plan for Yucca Mountain. The Commission paper outlining the staff's recommendations should address the ACNW recommendations and comments. (NMSS) *8/15/88 NMSS*

cc: Chairman Zech
 Commissioner Roberts
 Commissioner Carr
 Commissioner Rogers
 GPA
 PDR - Advance
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