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MEMORANDUM FOR: Hugh L. Thompson, Jr., Director
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards

THRU: Robert E. Browning, Director
Division of High-Level Waste Management

FROM: B. J. Youngblood, Chief
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SUBJECT: MARCH 24, 1988 MANAGEMENT MEETING WITH DOE CONCERNING
HIGH LEVEL WASTE

ATTENDEES: NRC: H. L. Thompson, Jr., R. E. Browning, B. J. Youngblood
DOE: Ed Kay, Steve Kale, Ralph Stein

NRC/NMSS met with DOE/OCRWM management at their request to discuss the high level waste repository program. DOE stated that they planned to start the surface facilities for the exploratory shaft in January 1989 and start sinking the shaft in June 1989. They realized that the implementation of a qualified QA Program was of major importance to the initiation of the Exploratory Shaft Facility and other new site studies, as well as assure that ongoing activities were being conducted with a qualified program. They proposed that we plan a meeting sometime in May to schedule the review of QA plans for DOE and their contractors, and to discuss how DOE is planning to resolve the previous NRC comments that have existed for some time.

DOE stated that they did not have all of the feedback from their staff concerning the ongoing workshop but they would provide us with a debrief next week. They also indicated that in the not too distant future they planned to start the preparation of the license application and would need the "Standard Format and Content Guide for License Application."

NRC agreed that a QA meeting should be held in May and we would be available to discuss any feedback from the workshop. We also stated that the Standard Format and Content Guide would be given appropriate priority.

DOE stated that the Mission Plan incorporating the changes made by the NWPAA of 1987 would be issued for comment in April 1988.

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