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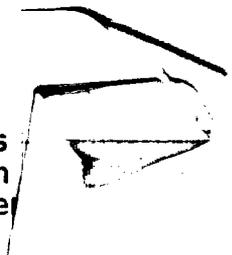
MEMORANDUM FOR: William J. Olmstead  
Assistant General Counsel for Rulemaking  
and Fuel Cycle, OGC  
  
FROM: Robert E. Browning, Director  
Division of Waste Management, NMSS  
  
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN REVIEW OF DOE'S FINAL  
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS

This memorandum confirms our recent conversation in which you agreed to have F. Cameron assist our overall review of DOE's Final Environmental Assessments (EAs) as a member of the Decision Support System Review Team (DSSRT).

On May 28, 1986, DOE issued five final EAs. The staff will review these documents following the Standard Review Plans which I have enclosed for your information and use by Mr. Cameron. The one area for which I requested your assistance is the DSSRT review described in Section 10.1, nos. 4 and 5.

The purpose of the DSSRT Review is to provide me with an independent review of the DWM staff's comment package, by senior NRC staff members not directly involved with the review of the FEAs. This would be a best level of effort review and would consist of the following:

- o Reading of all comments and Commission Paper (approximately 50 pages)
- o Identifying inadequacies obvious to the reviewer depending on his background with respect to product requirements 1 through 8 given below (Section 5.2, page 7, 8 of the FEA Review Plan) and recommend resolutions.
  1. Technically defensible
  2. Accurately represents FEA information (i.e., FEA has been correctly quoted/represented including recognizing what is said on a given topic in all chapters and appendices of the FEA)
  3. Consistent with FEA review plan objectives (see Section 3.0) and responsibilities (see Section 8.2)
  4. Technically consistent within a discipline and across projects



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- 6. Consistent with NRC-HLW policies and technical positions
- 7. Written in a clear, concise, complete, and specific manner consistent with procedures 1 and 2 on comment and product content (see Section 11.0)
- 8. Written in an objective and factual tone consistent with procedures 1 and 2 on comment and product content (see Section 11.0)

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Finally, I appreciate you providing Mr. Cameron to assist us in our review. If you have any further questions please contact John J. Linehan (x74177).

Original Signed by  
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