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MEMORANDUM FOR: All Branch Chiefs and Section Leaders  
Division of High-Level Waste Management

FROM: R. E. Browning, Director,  
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SUBJECT: MODELING STRATEGY DOCUMENT

During recent budget-planning meetings, I became aware of some staff activities that may be inconsistent with the Revised Modeling Strategy Document (MSD), July 1984. The current version of the MSD is being updated and revised. This revision, being accomplished with the technical assistance of Sandia National Laboratories under FIN A-1165, will be completed in the third quarter of FY 1989.

Until such time as the revised version is issued, the staff should follow the existing strategy in planning its future modeling activities unless there is an approved exception. There are two areas we are aware of that need further consideration in revising the MSD: the role of NRC-developed codes in waste package analysis and the extent and timing for use of DOE and third-party codes in rock mechanics. Please contact Pauline Brooks (x20404) within 60 days of the date of this memo if there are other areas that are obviously in need of reconsideration.

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