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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON DOE SUGGESTED BUDGET
FOR NEA

We have reviewed the letter from Sol Rosen to Ron Hauber of June 2, 1988 and its attachment concerning DOE's suggested budget prioritization for NEA activities. Most of this letter deals with administrative and budgetary concerns that are outside our area of interest. We would like to comment however that we agree with the increased priority that DOE places on item "a" in Table 4, "Advisory Group on Performance Assessment and Coordination". The activities in this category are particularly interesting to the Compliance Demonstration Section and several sections in the Technical Review Branch.

One further comment on the attachment is that we would like to see Activity 2.2.4 "Report on Identification and Selection of Scenarios" as a high-priority rather than medium priority item. DOE does not participate in this activity, but NRC does. We consider scenario selection to be an important issue in repository licensing.

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