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

FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING ON STATUS OF ACTIVITIES WITH THE CENTER FOR NUCLEAR WASTE REGULATORY ANALYSIS (CNWRA), 9:30 A.M., THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 1989, COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by the staff on the status and future activities of the Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analysis (CNWRA) for licensing of the radioactive high level waste repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada.

The Commission requested:

1. Continuation of periodic briefings by the staff on the CNWRA activities. At the next briefing the staff should report on the funding devoted for training purposes at the CNWRA, to ensure that the Center's staff maintains its technical excellence and keeps abreast of technology.
(EDO) (SECY Suspense: 11/89)

2. The Director of the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research to prepare a paper outlining plans for transferring remaining HLW research to the Center according to the criteria previously approved by the Commission. If changes to the criteria are needed, then consistent with these proposed changes, the paper should also include specific justification for locating individual contracts elsewhere.
(EDO) (SECY Suspense: 5/30/89)

3. That any request from other agencies for technical assistance from the CNWRA should be submitted to the Commission for review and approval.

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4. That the staff prepare a paper advising the Commission of the scope of the transportation risk study, the relationship of this study to our responsibilities under the Nuclear Waste Policy Act, and the extent to which this study may overlap with DOE efforts to assess the impacts of HLW transportation under the NWPA.
   (EDO) (SECY Suspense: 6/9/89)

5. That the staff submit to the Commission the results of the Center's evaluation of regulatory deficiencies and uncertainties in the Commission's regulations applicable to the licensing of a HLW repository.
   (EDO) (SECY Suspense: 12/29/89)

6. That the staff seek the Commission's review and approval of any change in the focus or schedule for the Program Architecture, as presently constituted, including any change that would result in the postponement of the December deadline for the submission of the Center's report.

cc: Chairman Zech
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