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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman Carr
Commissioner Rogers
Commissioner Curtiss
Commissioner Remick

FROM: James M. Taylor
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for Operations

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS -- BRIEFING ON ACTIVITIES OF THE CENTER FOR NUCLEAR WASTE REGULATORY ANALYSES (CNWRA) AND ACTIVITIES OF THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION (NRC) IN THE HIGH-LEVEL WASTE PROGRAM [REFERENCE M910314A]

By Staff Requirements Memorandum dated April 19, 1991, the Commission requested that the staff provide it with the expected date of the next progress report of the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE's) Site Characterization Plan (SCP). In response to this request, it should be noted that the staff received the first progress report on site characterization activities at Yucca Mountain in March 1990, and in June 1990 provided comments to DOE. The second progress report was provided to the staff by letter dated March 27, 1991.

Although 10 CFR Part 60 requires the submittal of reports by DOE on the progress of site characterization activities every six months, the staff considers the time between the submittal of the first and second progress reports as acceptable because there is no new site characterization work at Yucca Mountain. Therefore, the first two progress reports did not contain any detailed information on DOE's site characterization activities.

DOE anticipates issuing the third SCP Progress Report in the May-June 1991 time frame.

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