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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR TASK - TECHNICAL ISSUES FOR RESOLUTION DURING
FIRST 50-100 YEARS OF REPOSITORY OPERATION

In an April 19, 1991 Staff Requirements Memorandum covering the March 14, 1991 Commission briefing, the Commission requested that the Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analysis (Center) provide an analysis as to whether there are technical licensing issues that could be resolved with significantly greater certainty or precision with the data that will become available during the first 50 or 100 years of repository operation (i.e., during the period when the waste could still be retrieved). It is requested that the Center prepare a task proposal, with program impact statement, to provide the necessary analysis. The proposal should also identify the program element most appropriate for the conduct of this effort. To meet the Commission schedule, it will be necessary to have a draft letter report in early July. Accordingly your prompt attention to this matter is requested.

The Center should contact Joe Holonich regarding any questions they may have. He can be reached on extension 23403.

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