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FROM:

Robert E. Browning, Director
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SUBJECT:

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN REVIEW OF DOE'S ENVIRONMENTAL
ASSESSMENTS (EAs)

On December 20, 1984, DOE issued for public comment (90 days) EAs on the nine sites being considered as candidate sites for a high-level geologic repository. The attached EA Review Plan discusses the purpose of the EAs and lays out our plans and schedules for review of the EA's. One aspect of the review for which I request your assistance is the internal "Readiness Review" discussed in Section 9.0, Internal QA Procedures, of the review plan.

The purpose of the "Readiness Review" is to provide me with an independent review, by NRC staff not involved in the EA review, of the comment packages developed by WM staff on the nine EA's. This would be a best level of effort review of staff comments to obtain some independent views on whether the comments are well supported, objective and understandable. Of course, within the limited time available, we would only expect that the team members become generally familiar with the kinds of material and the organization of the material in the EAs. We would not expect that they would have read each EA nor be an expert in the geologic media nor specific site. We are looking for team members who can make a significant contribution to a systematic and logical examination of the staff's comments.

To provide such an independent review I am requesting that you provide a senior staff member to participate in the "Readiness Review." The individual needs to be able to look at the comment package from a broad perspective and be familiar

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with general NRC policy. While some familiarity with the HLW program would be helpful, it is not necessary. Participation on the team will require a full time commitment from March 1 through 6 when the actual Readiness Review will be conducted and approximately 1½ weeks of staff time over the last 3 weeks of February to prepare for the actual review. To assist the review team and bring them up to speed, WM staff will brief them on the EA review plan and provide a brief description of the nine sites being considered in the EAs.

I would appreciate your designating an individual to participate by January 18th. If you desire additional background information on the EAs or our review plans, please contact Mr. John Linehan of my staff (x74672).

Original Signed by
Robert E. Browning
Robert E. Browning, Director
Division of Waste Management

Encl: (Already in PDR)

RECORD NOTE: REVIEWED WITH
PC & INCORPORATED ALL THEIR
COMMENTS.

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