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 SUBJECT: COMPLETION OF DRAFT EA REVIEWS BY NRR AND POST-EA WORK

The purpose of this memorandum is to review the NRR support to NMSS as presented in your January 31, 1985 memorandum. We at NMSS would like to thank you and your staff for your support in the EA reviews. This was a difficult assignment with so many sites and the short review time. We appreciate the high level of effort NRR gave this review. We assume that DOE may want to follow up the EA comments with meetings before the final EA.

As the DOE's environmental program develops, there may be a need for other environmental reviews. However, the NWPA gives DOE the lead federal responsibility for assessing the environmental effects of the repository. We are starting a 10 CFR Part 51 rule making which will determine our role in the environmental review; we cannot be certain at this time how extensive our involvement in the NEPA process will be.

I understand that a meeting has been scheduled for March 21 at 2:00 p.m. in my office to discuss the future needs of Waste Management for environmental reviews. I have asked Bill Lilley to contact Clarence Hickey to prepare an agenda for our meeting. At this time I propose that we continue the environmental coordination between Bill Lilley and Clarence Hickey through the final stages of the EA review.

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