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MEMORANDUM FOR: Raymond F. Fraley, Executive Director  
 Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards

FROM: Robert E. Browning, Director  
 Division of Waste Management

SUBJECT: CLOSING PORTION OF ACRS MEETING PERTAINING TO  
 NRC FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT COMMENTS

Based on discussions between the Waste Management staff and the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) staff, we agree with your proposal to close that portion of the meeting pertaining to the Final Environmental Assessment (EA) comments to allow the staff to present a more in-depth summary of the results of the review than would otherwise be possible. These comments are not in the Commission's Public Document Room and are not yet available to the public. They are documents currently under review within the Commission. At this point they do not represent Commission policy. Thus, any public disclosure could be misleading.

The final EA comments have already been given to the ACRS so that they can obtain an in-depth familiarization with the results of the staff's review. These documents are protected from public release under Exemption 5 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Robert E. Browning, Director  
 Division of Waste Management  
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ATTACHMENT 4

LIST OF HANDOUTS  
ACRS WASTE MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING  
WASHINGTON, D. C.  
DECEMBER 4-5, 1986

1. Nuclear Waste Disposal (HLW), F. Costanzi, RES
2. HLW Technical Assistance Program and Interface with Research, P. Justus and W. Walker, dated 12/04/86.
3. Nuclear Waste Disposal (LLW), F. Costanzi, RES
4. Low Level Waste Technical Assistance Program, M. Knapp, NMSS/WM
5. Summary of NRC's Work on Alternative Disposal Methods to Shallow Land Burial, L. Pittiglio and J. Sheffner, NMSS/WMLU
6. Safety Assessment of Alternatives to Shallow Land Burial of Low Level Waste, T. McCartin, RES
7. Current Status of Each State in Providing Disposal of Low-Level Radioactive Waste, Current as of December 1, 1986, S. Salomon, OSP
8. Low Level Radioactive Waste Compact Status, December, 1986
- 9a. Proposed Rule to Conform Part 60 to the EPA HLW Standards, Summary of Comments, J. Fehringer, Decembers 5, 1986
- b. Federal Register Notice on Proposed Rule, 10 CFR Part 60, Disposal of High-Level Radioactive Wastes in Geologic Repositories, Conforming Amendments, 51 FR 22288, June 19, 1986.
- c. Summary of Comments Received on the Rulemaking to Conform Part 60 to the EPA HLW Standards (No authors or date given. This material was received from the Staff during the meeting but was not reproduced and distributed. However, it is included with these minutes for completeness.)
10. Letter from B. C. Rusche, DOE, to Secretary of the Commission, U.S. N.R.C., dated November 19, 1986
11. Use of Performance Assessment in Assessing Compliance with EPA Standard (40 CFR 191), R. Cranwell, SNL, October 24, 1986
12. Areas Where Uncertainty May Be Raised (Provided by J. Libert in connection with his follow-up discussion of Performance Assessment).

13. Briefing on NRC's Review of DOE's Final Environmental Assessments, Robert L. Johnson, December 5, 1986. This document is not included with the minutes of the meeting because it contains pre-decisional information and was discussed in closed session.
14. NRC Perspective on Alternative Disposal Methods, C. L. Pittiglio and M. Tokan (undated)
15. Information Packet, Department of Environmental Resources, State of Pennsylvania, Nov.-Dec. 1986, containing four documents:
  - 15a. Draft -- Process for Siting a Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Facility
  - b. Draft -- Implementing Legislation -- Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Act
  - c. Draft -- Area Screening Criteria for a Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Facility
  - d. Draft -- Technical Performance and Design Criteria for a Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Facility