

MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Dicus

Commissioner Diaz

Commissioner McGaffigan

Commissioner Merrifield

FROM: William D. Travers

Executive Director for Operations

SUBJECT: GUIDANCE FOR STAFF REVIEW OF U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR PROPOSED GEOLOGIC REPOSITORY AT YUCCA MOUNTAIN, NEVADA

Attached for your information is the proposed guidance document for U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff review of the forthcoming U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Yucca Mountain. The staff plans to place the attached DEIS review guidance on NRC's website.

The Federal Register Notice announcing the availability of the DEIS will be published on August 13, 1999. Under the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, as amended, NRC's comments on the DEIS are to be included with the Secretary of Energy's site recommendation to the President.

At the completion of the staff's review and prior to sending the comments to DOE, the staff plans to brief the Commission and provide it with the results of the review. The staff review of the DEIS will be documented in a Commission paper that will include, as an attachment, proposed comments that the Commission would transmit to the Secretary of Energy.

At recent public meetings in Nevada, NRC staff was asked by stakeholders to hold public meetings to hear stakeholder concerns during NRC's review of DOE's DEIS. Similarly, during a March 16, 1999, briefing of the Commission, representatives of the Affected Units of Local Government requested that NRC provide an opportunity for input on NRC comments on DOE's DEIS. In response to these requests, staff plans to hold public meetings to discuss its approach to the DEIS review and hear public concerns. Staff also plans to transcribe these meetings and make those transcripts available to DOE for its disposition of comments received. No date will be set for these meetings until DOE's public hearing schedule is set, so that there will be an unlikely chance of conflict or confusion between DOE and NRC meetings. The staff's

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