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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Victor Stello, Jr.

Executive Director for Operations

FROM:

Hugh L. Thompson, Jr., Director Office of Nuclear Material Safety

and Safeguards

SUBJECT:

IODINE-129 GROUNDWATER DATA AT THE HANFORD, WASHINGTON SITE

The DHLWM staff recently received a DOE report entitled "Data Compilation: Iodine-129 in Hanford Groundwater". The staff has reviewed the report to determine the relevance of historical Iodine-129 groundwater data collected at the Hanford site with regard to Handford's suitability as a potential location for a high-level waste geologic repository. Based on this review, the staff has concluded that none of the historical groundwater data identified to date indicates that the site should be disqualified as a repository site. The enclosed document provides additional information on the staff's analysis and is provided for your information.

> Hugh L. Thompson, Jr., Director Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards

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