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Enclosed is a published report

Enclosed for your information are ten copies of the Department of Energy's (DOE) Issues Hierarchy for a Mined Geologic Repository. The issues hierarchy concept was presented in the Mission Plan for the Civilian Waste Management Program (DOE/RW0005) in response to a Nuclear Waste Policy Act requirement for the DOE to provide information to support the siting and construction of a mined geologic disposal system. The hierarchy document provides an initial set of upper level siting and licensing issues which must be resolved prior to obtaining a license to construct, operate, and permanently close an underground high-level nuclear waste repository. The Site Characterization Plans (SCP) will also include an extensive list of second level issues referred to as "information needs." The investigations to be presented in the SCPs are being developed through the process of performance allocation to provide the information necessary to close the issues and information needs and make findings for the individual applicable regulatory criteria.

We would like to schedule a public briefing on the Issues Hierarchy and the Issues Resolution Strategy for early February 1987. Carol Hanlon is in the process of working with your staff to arrange the meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 252-1238 or Carol Hanlon on 252-1224.

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