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NUCLEAR WASTE BOARD

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MEMORANDUM

December 29, 1987

TO: Nuclear Waste Board and Nuclear Waste Advisory Council
FROM: Warren Bishop, Chair *WAB*
SUBJECT: Special Meeting on January 22, 1988

President Reagan, on December 22, 1987, signed into law the "Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987". Enclosed are USDOE memos which give USDOE grant close-out instructions. I am sure you appreciate how difficult it will be to phase-out the many Board, Council, and staff activities in such a short time.

After a preliminary review of the schedule for phase-out, it became clear that the January 15 meeting date is too early for meaningful Board and Council deliberations. Therefore, I have cancelled the January 15 meeting and scheduled a special joint Board and Council meeting for the afternoon of January 22, 1988. On that morning, we plan a meeting with USDOE representatives to review the Final Environmental Impact Statement on Disposal of Hanford Defense High-Level, Transuranic and Tank Wastes. Both meetings will be held in the EFSEC Hearings Room.

Would you please hold the January 22 date for these very important meetings. Agendas for both meetings will follow shortly. Please contact me or Terry Husseman at (206) 459-6670 if you have further questions or comments.

WAB/DP:hlt

cc: Terry Husseman
John Anttonen
Interested Parties

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Those on Attached List

REDIRECTION OF THE NUCLEAR WASTE PROGRAM SITE SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES

Gentlemen:

This will confirm Mr. John H. Anttonen's telephone conversation of December 18, 1987, with you or members of your staff regarding the termination of all repository site-specific activities at the Hanford Site. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that, per Headquarter's guidance (see attached), you should immediately cease all activities currently funded by grants under the NWPA. Funds may be used only for the purpose of engaging in an orderly close-out of existing commitments, a process which, in no case, should take longer than 90 days.

We will issue a 30-day authorization pending the receipt of your phase-out plan. In order to facilitate the orderly phase-out of activities, please provide this office with this plan and the associated costs by January 8, 1988.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert D. Larson".

Robert D. Larson, Director
Procurement Division
Contracting Officer

Attachment

cc: R. Jim, YIN
W. Burke, CTUIR
R. Halfmoon, Nez Perce

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DATE DEC 24 1987
REPLY TO
ATTN OF: RM-20
SUBJECT: Grants Closeout
TO: J. Anttonen
J. Neff

On December 22, 1987, President Reagan signed into law the "Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987 (the Act)." This legislation substantially changes the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 (NWPA) and the manner in which the Department of Energy conducts the radioactive waste disposal program.

Sections 5032 and 5033 of the Act provides for major changes to Sections 116 and 116 of the NWPA regarding provision of financial assistance to States and Indian Tribes. The amendment to Section 116 states: "No State, other than the State of Nevada, may receive financial assistance under this subpart after the date of the enactment of the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987." Therefore, effective immediately, no further financial assistance under the NWPA may be provided to the States of Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas, Utah and Washington.

As we directed you by telephone yesterday, the States should be immediately directed to cease all activities currently funded by grants under the NWPA. Any remaining grant funds may be used only for the purpose of engaging in an orderly close-out of existing commitments, a process which in no case should take longer than 90 days. All remaining funds must be returned to the Department in accordance with provisions outlined in 10 CFR 600.123.

Section 5033 of the Act amends Section 118(b)(5) of the NWPA and provides that affected Indian Tribes may not receive any grants after December 22, 1988. As with the States, the three affected Indian Tribes should be immediately directed to cease all activities currently funded with NWPA grants and to proceed with an orderly close-out of existing commitments. The only difference will be that should an Indian Tribe need additional grant funds to affect the close-out, those additional funds could be provided. The Indian Tribes should likewise be advised that in accordance with 10 CFR 600.123, any remaining grant funds must be returned to the Nuclear Waste Fund.


Stephen H. Kale
Associate Director
for Geologic Repositories

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