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FROM: William J. Dircks
Executive Director for Operations

SUBJECT: COORDINATION OF NRC RESPONSE TO HIGH-LEVEL WASTE
MANAGEMENT-RELATED INQUIRIES FROM STATES

As the high-level waste management program moves into the pre-licensing stage, we anticipate an increasing number of inquiries from states, tribes, and local governments seeking information and ways to participate in the siting, development, and licensing of repositories for geologic disposal.

Under the 10 CFR Part 60 procedural rule for the licensing of high-level waste disposal, the Director of NMSS is responsible for the Commission's pre-application review activities, including interactions with states, tribes, and local governments on the Department of Energy's Site Characterization Report (SCR) for each candidate site. 10 CFR Part 60.11 requires the Director to distribute the SCR and his draft analysis of it to the states for their review and comment, and Section 60.61 (c) provides that:

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The Director shall also respond to written questions or comments from State, Indian tribal and local governments as appropriate, on the information submitted by the DOE in accordance with Section 60.11 of this part.

Responses to these and other inquiries before initiation of the SCR review may involve input from several offices within NRC. Clarity, responsiveness, and consistency are of utmost importance in responding to such inquiries. In view of the particular responsibilities of the Director of NMSS under Part 60, all state, tribal, or local government inquiries regarding high-level repository siting activities received by NRC staff shall be directed to NMSS. The Director, NMSS, and the Director, OSP, shall consult on the appropriate means, level, and timing of involvement of state and local governments and their associations pursuant to NRC manual chapter 0401. The Director, OSP, shall provide assistance to the Director, NMSS, in accordance with NRC manual chapter 0401-033, and the Director, NMSS, shall keep the appropriate Regional Administrator(s) informed with respect to NMSS activities in the Region on high-level waste.

(Signed) William J. Dircks

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Executive Director for Operations

*See previous concurrence

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