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MEMORANDUM FOR: Victor Stello, Jr.
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - MEETING WITH STATES AND
AFFECTED INDIAN TRIBES ON THE STATUS OF
NATIONAL HIGH LEVEL WASTE PROGRAM, 2:00 P.M.,
TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 1987, COMMISSIONERS'
CONFERENCE ROOM, D.C. OFFICE (OPEN TO PUBLIC
ATTENDANCE)

The Commission* met with the representatives of states and affected Indian tribes to discuss the status of the national high level radioactive waste program.

The following representatives for the affected Indian tribes met with the Commission:

- Russell Jim, representing the Yakima Indian Nation
- William Burke, representing the Umatilla Indians
- Ronald T. Halfmoon and Del T. White, representing the Nez Perce Tribe

The states affected by the national high level radioactive waste program were represented by:

- Don Provost, State of Washington
- Malachy Murphy, State of Nevada
- Steve Frishman, State of Texas
- Ruth Ann Storey, State of Utah
- Ben Smith, State of Tennessee

Chairman Zech expressed interest in receiving a copy of an investigative report on the presence of commercial quantities of oil and gas resources near the Hanford site. Mr. Burke offered to provide a copy of the report when completed.

* Commissioner Bernthal was not present.

Chairman Zech also indicated his desire to periodically meet with the states and affected Indian Tribes on the status of the national high level radioactive waste program.

The Commission requested the staff to consider distributing its quarterly progress reports on the pre-licensing phase of DOE's civilian high level radioactive program to the states and affected Indian tribes.

The staff was also encouraged to continue its discussions with DOE on exploratory reviews of sites prior to shaft construction.

Commissioner Asselstine believes the staff should define "Resolution" as recommended by Mr. Frishman of Texas.

cc: Chairman Zech
Commissioner Roberts
Commissioner Asselstine
Commissioner Bernthal
Commissioner Carr
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