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

Harold Denton, Director  
Office of Governmental and  
Public Affairs

FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary 

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING ON STATUS OF  
LOCATION OF EXPLORATORY SHAFT AT YUCCA  
MOUNTAIN, 10:00 A.M., WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER  
16, 1988, COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM,  
ONE WHITE FLINT NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND  
(OPEN TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission\* was briefed on the status of staff's review of the Department of Energy's (DOE's) site characterization activities for the national repository of high level nuclear waste at Yucca Mountain.

The Commission requested the staff to:

1. Monitor DOE's high turnover rate of key management in its high level waste program for adverse impacts on NRC's commitments to fulfill the Congressional mandate to license the high level radioactive waste repository.
2. Convey to DOE the Commission's concerns expressed during the briefing (i.e., anticipated incomplete responses to the Commission's comments on the Draft Site Characterization Plan, management turnover rate, schedules, etc.) and the Commission's request for DOE to address those concerns at the Commission briefing with DOE scheduled for December, 1988.
3. Continue to apprise all affected parties (e.g., State of Nevada, affected Indian tribes, etc.) of NRC's activities relative to licensing the high level waste repository at Yucca Mountain.
4. Take the time needed to conduct a thorough review of DOE's submittals.

\* Commissioner Roberts was not present.

5. Keep NRC's Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analysis advised and involved in all site characterization activities.

cc: Chairman Zech  
Commissioner Roberts  
Commissioner Carr  
Commissioner Rogers  
Commissioner Curtiss  
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