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Mr. Ben C. Rusche, Director  
Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste  
Management Programs  
U.S. Department of Energy  
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Mr. Rusche:

Enclosed are draft minutes of our meeting on June 18, 1984. If you have any changes we will incorporate them prior to finalizing these minutes.

Sincerely,

(Signed) John G. Davis  
John G. Davis, Director  
Office of Nuclear Material Safety  
and Safeguards

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Minutes of Meeting with Department of Energy

Date: June 18, 1984

Attendees: Rusche/Bennett (DOE)  
Davis/Browning (NRC)

Discussion:

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the status of NRC's review of DOE's draft Mission Plan for the Civilian Radioactive Waste Management Program and to agree on an approach for NRC and DOE staff interactions to resolve NRC's comments.

NRC noted that NRC staff review of the draft Mission Plan was complete and that NRC comments generally fall into the following broad categories:

1. Areas where the Mission Plan is not clear about how or whether licensing requirements and information needs will be addressed;
2. Areas where the Mission Plan is not clear about how the performance goals for various repository system components will be established and controlled throughout the data gathering, design, and construction phases;
3. Areas where the DOE program could benefit from additional prelicensing consultation with the NRC; and

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4. Areas where DOE's plans appear to differ from what is required by existing regulations.

In addition, NRC staff is planning to recommend that the Mission Plan indicate how DOE plans to identify and track technical and policy issues that will arise throughout the prelicensing and licensing stages, including plans for data management. DOE indicated interest in working towards common data management and issue tracking systems and suggested the possibility of an independent third party to run such systems.

NRC noted that the NRC staff comments on the draft Mission Plan would be provided to the Commission for their review and possible additional comments or changes prior to sending them to DOE. NRC plans to meet the requested July 9, 1984 date for comments to DOE. It was agreed that NRC and DOE staffs should meet as soon as practicable to ensure that: (1) NRC comments are clearly understood by DOE; (2) NRC's comments are resolved by DOE in such a manner that NRC would be in a position to endorse the final Mission Plan sent to Congress; and (3) NRC's comments are resolved in such a manner that NRC will be in a position to endorse the portions of the Project Decision Schedule which apply to NRC. These meetings will be open to the public and announced in the Federal Register. They will be conducted in the same manner as the meeting to discuss NRC comments on the preliminary draft Mission Plan. (Subsequently, DOE

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and NRC staffs tentatively scheduled the first meeting during the week of July 16, 1984.)

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