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MEMORANDUM FOR:

William J. Olmstead, Director
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FROM:

Robert E. Browning, Deputy Director
Division of Waste Management

SUBJECT:

BASALT WASTE ISOLATION PROJECT (BWIP) SITE
CHARACTERIZATION REPORT

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Attached is a copy of the Department of Energy's Site Characterization Report for the BWIP. It was received on November 12, 1982 by the Director of NMSS.

The review and analysis of the Report is now under way in the Division of Waste Management. We expect to release a Draft Site Characterization Analysis for internal NRC review during the last week in January, 1983. At that time a copy of the DSCA, designated NUREG 0960, will be submitted to your Office for formal review and comment. To maintain our overall schedule for publication of the DSCA for public comment, it will be necessary to request that your comments on the draft be submitted within 14 days after delivery of the DSCA to you.

Meanwhile, Bruce Berson of your Office has been helpful with legal aspects of site characterization activities particularly in relationships with states and indian tribes. We expect to keep Mr. Berson fully informed on these matters as our work progresses. Specifically, Mr. Berson will be given copies of preliminary drafts of selected portions of the SCA and other supporting staff analysis as they are prepared over the next month to assure we have the benefit of his input early. I wish to thank you, and him, for his help.

If there are questions about the SCR, or the review thereof, please address them to Hubert Miller (427-4177) or Robert Wright (427-4672).

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Identical memorandum sent to R.F. Burnett, Director of Safeguards
Identical concurrence on memorandum to Burnett (WMHT 3104)
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