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MEMORANDUM FOR: Frank Arsenault, Director
Division of Health, Siting
and Waste Management

FROM: Robert E. Browning, Acting Director
Division of Waste Management

SUBJECT: DRAFT SITE CHARACTERIZATION ANALYSIS ON THE BWIP SCR

Attached for your review and comment is a preliminary copy of the Draft Site Characterization Analysis (NUREG-0960; Draft SCA) on the BWIP Site Characterization Report. The Draft SCA was prepared by staff in NMSS, with assistance from staff in your office.

We request that you comment on the attached copy by Friday, February 18, 1983. As stated in my memo of December 2, 1982, transmitting a copy of the SCR and generally describing our plans for review, the deadline for submitting the Draft SCA is early March. As indicated before, these schedules are necessary to assure that we communicate our concerns on the DOE plans in a timely manner. Your comments will be fully considered in revising this copy for issuance of a Draft SCA for public comment.

In your review, I invite special attention to "NRC Staff Conclusions and Comments" and to Chapter 1. The former section reflects the overall conclusions of the NRC staff on the information presented in the SCR. Chapter 1 presents the approach taken in staff review and the format for the remainder of the NUREG document.

As previously arranged between our offices, I want to thank you, Leon Beratan and Jared Davis for arranging the participation of RES staff in the SCR review effort. In particular the contributions of these individuals are recognized: Donald Alexander (geochemistry), George Birchard (geochemistry), Lawrence Doyle (hydrology) and Michael McNeil (waste package), Robert Kornasiewicz (meteorology), Tom Schmitt (geotechnical engineering) and Ernst Zurflueh (geophysics). We trust that their involvement in this effort will facilitate the review of this draft.

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As a result of the Nuclear Waste Act of 1982, we expect to reserve finalizing the SCA until receiving the site characterization plan required by the new law. Plans for completing the Draft SCA and making it available for public comment are, however, unchanged from those developed when the SCR was submitted last November.

I expect continued fruitful interaction between RES and NMSS in review of the Draft SCA. If you have any questions please address them to Robert Wright (427-4672).

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
Hubert J. Miller

for
Robert E. Browning, Acting Director
Division of Waste Management

Enclosure:
Preliminary Draft SCA

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