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SUBJECT:

HANFORD SITE CHARACTERIZATION ANALYSIS

This memorandum forwards for signature a letter to the Department of Energy transmitting the NRC staff's Site Characterization Analysis (SCA) of the DOE Hanford Site Characterization Report (SCR/NUREG-0960).

The SCR was submitted under the provisions of 10 CFR Part 60.11 (a). In accordance with requirements of Section 113 of P.L. 97-425, the DOE will submit to the NRC later this year, a Site Characterization Plan (SCP) and related documents specified in the act. We, therefore, are not requesting formal public comment on the SCA, but will make the SCA publicly available. It should help the DOE in preparing the BWIP SCP and, it should provide guidance to the other DOE projects preparing an SCP.

Although formal public comments will not be solicited, we consider it important to make the SCA conveniently available for the public, States and Tribes, other government agencies, and the technical community to become familiar with the positions being taken by the NRC staff on the DOE's Hanford SCR. (The SCR has been widely distributed.) Publication

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