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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WASTE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555

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October 6, 1988

The Honorable Lando W. Zech, Jr.  
Chairman  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Chairman Zech:

SUBJECT: FOURTH MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WASTE,  
SEPTEMBER 13-14, 1988

The Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste held its 4th Meeting in Bethesda, MD on September 13-14, 1988. A summary of actions is presented below.

REPORTS, LETTERS AND MEMORANDA

1. Suitability of High Density Polyethylene High Integrity Containers  
(Letter to Chairman Zech dated September 16, 1988)
2. Proposed Policy Statement on Below Regulatory Concern (Letter to  
Chairman Zech dated September 15, 1988)

OTHER ACTIONS, AGREEMENTS, ASSIGNMENTS AND REQUESTS

Cement Waste Form Solidification

The Committee was briefed by the NRC Staff on the status of cement waste form technical review activities. The briefing was for information only. No ACNW actions were taken.

ASME Mixed Waste Position Paper

The Committee was briefed by the NRC Staff on the ASME letter to Chairman Zech, dated May 4, 1988, on regulatory responsibility for mixed waste, and the Staff's position on this topic. The Committee agreed to invite representatives of EPA and DOE to brief the Committee on mixed waste uncertainties and how this issue pertains to WIPP and other DOE sites, including the high-level waste repository.

Low-Level Waste and Decommissioning Division (LLWMD)

The Committee was briefed by the NRC Staff on the LLWMD FY 1989 technical program. No ACNW actions were taken.

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Decommissioning Rule

The Committee was briefed by the NRC Staff on the general provisions of the Decommissioning Rule. The Committee requested that the ACNW Staff review the rule in more detail and prepare a summary report for the Committee. The ACNW staff will also provide to the Committee copies of the reports on decommissioning cost estimates that were prepared by Pacific Northwest Laboratory and referred to by the NRC Staff during the presentation.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

The Committee agreed to the following tentative agenda for its November 3-4, 1988, meeting:

DOE's HLW Performance Allocation and Assessment Program (Open) - The Committee will be briefed by the DOE Staff on their Performance Allocation and Assessment Program for the high-level waste geologic repository.

State of Nevada (Open) - The Committee will be briefed by representatives from the State of Nevada on their comments on the DOE CDSCP. Responding comments will be made by NRC Staff.


High-Level Waste Management Division (Open) - The Committee will be briefed by the Director of HLWMD on their program plans for FY 1989.

Rulemaking Topics (Open) - The Committee will be briefed by NRC Staff on rulemaking topics to clarify 10 CFR 60.

Dry Cask Storage (Open) - The Committee will be briefed on the DOE Study on Dry Cask Storage.

Committee Activities (Open) - The Committee will discuss anticipated and proposed Committee activities, future meeting agenda, and organizational matters, as appropriate.

Sincerely,



Dade W. Moeller  
Chairman