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

January 11, 1989

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

Dear Chairman Zech:

SUBJECT: FIFTH MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WASTE,
 DECEMBER 21, 1988, BETHESDA, MD

The Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste held its 5th meeting in Bethesda, MD, on December 21, 1988. A summary of actions is presented below.

REPORTS, LETTERS AND MEMORANDA

1. Comments on the Proposed Deletion of Section 20.205 From the Proposed Revision to 10 CFR Part 20, "Standards for Protection Against Radiation," (SECY-88-315) (Letter to Chairman Zech dated December 30, 1988)
2. Comments on Advance Notice of the Development of a Commission Policy on Exemptions from Regulatory Control for Practices Whose Public Health and Safety Impacts are Below Regulatory Concern (Letter to Chairman Zech dated December 30, 1988)
3. Draft Generic Technical Position: Guidance for Determination of Anticipated Processes and Events and Unanticipated Processes and Events (Letter to Chairman Zech dated December 30, 1988)

Reports on the subjects noted above have been sent to you.

4. Topics Raised by ACNW During the October 27, 1988, Meeting with the Commissioners (Memorandum for V. Stello, Jr. from D. W. Moeller dated January 4, 1989)

A copy of this letter has been sent to you.

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OTHER ACTIONS, AGREEMENTS, ASSIGNMENTS AND REQUESTS

10 CFR Part 20, Standards for Protection Against Radiation

The Committee was briefed by the NRC Staff on the proposed revision of 10 CFR Part 20, Standards for Protection Against Radiation. The NRC staff discussed deletion of the proposed Section 20.205 that permitted the use of an annual dose accounting approach as an alternative to the committed dose accounting approach (See item 1 above) and would have permitted doses to workers in excess of Section 20.201.

Below Regulatory Concern Policy Statement

The Committee was briefed by the NRC Staff on the technical issues and schedule for the development of a Commission Policy on Exemptions relating to Below Regulatory Concern (See item 2 above).

Summary of Meeting Memorandum (In response to SRM, dated November 8, 1988)

The Committee discussed and approved a memorandum to the Executive Director for Operations that confirms and summarizes the topics raised by ACNW during the October 27, 1988, meeting with the Commissioners (See item 4 above).

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

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

West Valley Demonstration Project (Open) - The Committee will be briefed by representatives of DOE, Westinghouse, the state of New York, and NRC on the nuclear waste vitrification program and other aspects of the West Valley Project.

DOE's HLW Performance Assessment Program (Open) - The Committee will be briefed by the DOE's staff and contractors on their Performance Assessment Program, including methodology, models, and data quality.

State of Nevada (Open) - The Committee will be briefed by representatives from the state of Nevada and NRC on their technical comments on the DOE CDSCP.

Sincerely,



Dade W. Moeller
Chairman