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Mr. Sheldon Meyers Program Director Office of Nuclear Waste Management U.S. Department of Energy Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Mr. Meyers:

This confirms the agreement reached between your staff and mine regarding the NRC briefing for DOE to be held on October 4, 1979, at the DOE Auditorium, Germantown.

Enclosed for your review is an agenda for this meeting, and a proposed joint NRC-DOE press release. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Julie D'Ambrosia, of my staff, on 427-4173.

Sincerely.

(Signed) William J. Direction

William J. Dircks, Director Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards

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NRC TO BRIEF DOE ON HIGH-LEVEL WASTE PROGRAM

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will brief the Department of Energy October 4 on the NRC's high-level waste program

The meeting will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the DOE Auditorium in Germantown, MD. Members of the public are invited to attend as observers, and NRC and DOE staff members will be available at the close of the meeting to answer questions.

The NRC representatives will describe the objectives of the NRC high-level waste program, how the program is organized and funded to meet these objectives and the NRC regulatory approach. Also discussed will be the scope and direction of the program and proposed schedules for publishing regulations and guides.

Persons interested in attending are asked to contact Julie D'Ambrosia, (301) 427-4173, by September 28.

AGENDA FOR NRC BRIEFING TO DOE OCTOBER 4, 1979 - DOE AUDITORIUM, GERMANTOWN, MARYLAND

TIME	
9:00 a.m.	Introduction and Overview (J. Malaro, NRC)
9:30 a.m.	Regulations and Standards (P. Comella, NRC)
10:30 a.m.	Break
10:45 a.m.	Regulations and Standards (L. White, NRC)
12:00 noon	Lunch
1:30 p.m.	Technical Program
	Overview (M. Bell, NRC)
	Technical Assistance Program (M. Knapp, NRC)
2:30 p.m.	Break
2:45 p.m.	Research Programs (J. Davis, M. Cullingford, NRC)
4:00 p.m.	Adjourn