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MEMORANDUM TO: DISTRIBUTION LIST

FROM: Scott C. Flanders, Deputy Director **/RA/**
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 and Safeguards

SUBJECT: ISSUANCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING SUMMARY REPORT
 RELATED TO THE INTENT TO PREPARE A GENERIC
 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR A RULEMAKING
 ON CONTROLLING THE DISPOSITION OF SOLID MATERIALS

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff held public scoping meetings in 1999 and 2003 to discuss the status of the rulemaking on controlling the disposition of solid materials and to obtain public comments on the scope of environmental impacts to be addressed in a Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS). The NRC staff has prepared an Environmental Scoping Summary Report identifying comments received at the 1999 and 2003 workshops. In addition to receiving comments at these public meetings, the staff accepted written public comments in 1999 and 2003. The scoping summary report describes the scoping process and discusses the significant issues and concerns raised. It also discusses the scope of the GEIS. The NRC will develop the GEIS to evaluate the potential impacts, including environmental costs and benefits, of alternatives for controlling the disposition of solid material.

In accordance with 10 CFR 51.29(b), you are being provided a notice of the availability of the scoping summary report. A copy of the scoping report and transcripts from the public meetings are available at the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/materials.html>. The website contains the public comments, information about current activities, and links to relevant documents related to the rulemaking. The report is also available for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland; or from the Publicly Available Records component of NRC's Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS) under accession number ML040900324. The website, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>, provides access to ADAMS through the NRC's Public Electronic Reading Room link. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS should contact the NRC's PDR Reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, or 301-415-4737, or by email to pdr@nrc.gov. The next step in the environmental review process is the issuance of a draft GEIS. The notice of the availability of the draft GEIS and the procedures for providing comments will be published in an upcoming Federal Register notice. Notice of the availability of the draft GEIS will also be provided to you.

If you have any questions or comments concerning the Scoping Summary Report, please contact Phyllis Sobel at (301) 415-6714.

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