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MEMORANDUM FOR: James M. Taylor
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary

SUBJECT: SECY-91-260 - STAFF REVIEW OF THE USE AND
NEED FOR CONTINUED SPONSORSHIP OF THE CENTER
FOR NUCLEAR WASTE REGULATORY ANALYSES

The Commission (with all Commissioners agreeing) has approved the staff's recommendation to extend the contract for the Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analysis (CNWRA) for an additional five years.

In addition, the Commission endorses the staff's plans to expand the scope of activities of the CNWRA as presented in the EDO's memorandum to the Commission dated September 30, 1991 with the following additional comments:

- 1) The staff should identify specific NRC program and project areas beyond the high-level waste program that could specifically benefit from the Center's special expertise.
- 2) The staff should examine in more detail the advisability of allowing use of the Center by the Environmental Protection Agency and report back to the Commission on the advantages and disadvantages of such an approach.
- 3) Any procedures governing the process of expanding the utilization and scope of the CNWRA should be submitted to the Commission for review and approval.

(EDO)

(SECY Suspense:

4/24/92)

SECY NOTE: THIS SRM AND SECY-91-260 CONTAIN SENSITIVE
INFORMATION RELATED TO CONTRACT RENEWAL - LIMITED
TO NRC UNLESS THE COMMISSION DETERMINES OTHERWISE

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