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FROM: Kathryn Winsberg *KW*  
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SUBJECT: THE CHAIRMAN'S DECEMBER 8, 1993 MEETING WITH DANIEL DREYFUS, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF CIVILIAN RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

On December 8, 1993, Dr. Selin met with Daniel Dreyfus, who wished to introduce himself as the new Director of DOE's Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM). Also attending the meeting were Kathryn Winsberg, Legal Assistant, and Kathleen Schneider, Technical Assistant to Dr. Selin.

Mr. Dreyfus discussed DOE's problems with its present budget. Although he is optimistic about Administration support for an increased budget, he is less confident of Congressional support. In the absence of increased funding, OCRWM may have to reevaluate the structure of the program. Dr. Selin mentioned the NRC's attempts to facilitate DOE's efficient allocation of resources by communicating areas of regulatory concern, without, however, doing DOE's work in the areas or signifying final acceptance of DOE data.

Mr. Dreyfus stated that ultimate disposal will necessitate a repository scheme of the type that is presently planned, however, it may be necessary to request further action by Congress to accomplish this. Dr. Selin observed that if DOE is considering alternative technological approaches, it would be helpful for the NRC to have notice as early as possible in order to plan and use NRC resources efficiently.

Dr. Selin discussed the NRC's interest in taking advantage of the work DOE has done in developing a document management system to avoid duplicative efforts in developing the Licensing Support System. With appropriate audit and quality controls, it is hoped that the concerns of potential parties about using the DOE system may be addressed. Dr. Selin suggested that there has been imperfect communication between the NRC and DOE on the development of the DOE Infostreams system. Mr. Dreyfus stated that he would be willing to help facilitate communication and participation of NRC in this area, although he observed that budget constraints have hindered DOE's progress in this area as well.

Mr. Dreyfus said that DOE's General Counsel is examining all aspects of DOE's potential responsibility to take title or

possession of spent fuel by 1998. He addressed the problem of intermediate storage by saying that DOE is looking at alternatives to try to mitigate the impact on utilities of the fact that DOE will not have a repository by 1998. Dr. Selin and Mr. Dreyfus discussed the problems of communicating to state utility commissions and the public the reasons for supporting a Monitored Retrievable Storage (MRS) facility rather than 72 individual storage sites at reactors.

Mr. Dreyfus will be coming to brief the Commission on DOE's high level waste program in a public meeting on December 20 at 2:30 p.m.

cc: Commissioner Rogers  
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