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MEMORANDUM FOR: Regional Administrators

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Division of Fuel Cycle and Material Safety, NMSS

FROM: Richard E. Cunningham, Director  
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SUBJECT: POLICY AND GUIDANCE DIRECTIVE FC 84-7, REVISION 1;  
MANAGEMENT OF SITES CONTAINING MATERIAL BURIED  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 20.304

Prior to January 28, 1981, NRC materials licensees were authorized to dispose of specific quantities of radioactive material by land burial without regard to such factors as: (1) location of burial, (2) concentration, (3) form, and (4) packaging, etc. The regulation authorizing disposal, Section 20.304 of 10 CFR Part 20, specified only the maximum quantity per burial, the minimum depth, the number of burials per year, and the distance between burial locations. Many formerly licensed sites containing such burials have been released for unrestricted use. From time to time we receive inquiries regarding the suitability of these sites for other uses. Since these sites may require an environmental assessment and/or an engineering evaluation leading to some remedial action, all inquiries regarding former Section 20.304 burial sites should be referred to the Director of the Division of Fuel Cycle and Material Safety (FC), NMSS, for action. Similarly, if it is known or there is reason to suspect that a current licensee performed burials in the past under the former provisions of Section 20.304 and the licensee seeks to terminate the license, the Director FC should be consulted to determine what action may be necessary prior to license termination.



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