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FROM:

William J. Olmstead
NRC Negotiating Representative

SUBJECT:

NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING FOR THE LICENSING
SUPPORT SYSTEM FOR THE HIGH-LEVEL WASTE
LICENSING PROCEEDING

Enclosed for your review is a Commission Paper transmitting the draft proposed rule on the procedures for the HLW licensing proceeding, including the use of the LSS in that proceeding. The draft proposed rule was developed by the HLW LSS Advisory Committee ("negotiating committee"). All participants on the negotiating committee, with the exception of the industry coalition, have agreed to the text of the draft proposed rule. At the final negotiating session, I agreed to submit the final negotiating text without change as a draft proposed rule to the Commission. This final negotiating text reflects the consensus positions of the NRC negotiating team composed of representatives from several NRC offices. While the draft proposed rule must

be submitted to the Commission without revision, I would ask for your review and concurrence on the enclosed Commission Paper. In order to be able to submit the draft proposed rule to the Commission for review during September, 1988, I need your comments by August 26, 1988.

Thank you.

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