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SUBJECT: THIRD MEETING WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY REGARDING  
SUBMITTAL OF CENTRAL INTERIM STORAGE FACILITY TOPICAL SAFETY  
ANALYSIS REPORT

On February 19, 1997, the third pre-application meeting was held between representatives of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), its associated contractors, and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission to discuss a proposed submittal of a non-site-specific topical safety analysis report (TSAR) for a central interim storage facility (CISF). Attachment 1 is an attendance list. Attachment 2 is a copy of the slides presented by DOE. The meeting was noticed on January 8, 1997.

DOE still anticipates that a TSAR application for a non-site-specific CISF will be submitted in May 1997. The DOE presentation included discussions on CISF design basis events, occupational radiation exposure, and conduct of operations.

During the discussion of design basis events, the staff noted some concerns regarding DOE's approach to recovery and retrievability operations in the event of a damaged container. After further discussion, the DOE representatives agreed to reference the DOE Dry Transfer System in its Phase I CISF TSAR, rather than wait until the Phase II submittal.

The DOE noted that it will utilize traditional methods of radiation exposure control and facility design features to keep radiation exposures as low as reasonably achievable. Of particular interest, DOE stated that it will use robotics for tasks related to remote cask unloading.

The DOE presented information on a proposed organizational structure, preoperational testing plan, training program, operations, technical specifications, and emergency planning. Upon questioning by the staff, the DOE noted that it plans to take a systematic approach to training for the development of its training program, and this will be identified in the TSAR. Additionally, the DOE noted that it would provide information regarding the 10 CFR 72.48 evaluation process and an employee concerns program in the TSAR.

Members of the public attended this meeting. No proprietary information was disseminated or discussed at this meeting. No regulatory decisions were requested or made.

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Attachments: 1. Attendance List  
2. DOE Slides

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