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Mr. Victor Stello, Jr.
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Stello:

SUBJECT: ACRS WASTE MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT ON Q-LIST TECHNICAL
POSITION

Enclosed is a report of the ACRS Subcommittee on Waste Management relative to the Technical Position being developed by the NRC Staff on "Items and Activities in the High-Level Waste Geologic Repository Program Subject to Quality Assurance Requirements," which was provided to the ACRS during its 336th meeting, April 7-9, 1988.

A copy is forwarded for your information.

Sincerely,

Raymond F. Fraley
Executive Director

Enclosure:

Report of the ACRS Subcommittee on Waste
Management dated April 8, 1988

cc: Hugh L. Thompson, Jr., NMSS

REPORT OF THE ACRS SUBCOMMITTEE ON
WASTE MANAGEMENT

April 8, 1988

During a meeting on March 17, 1988, the ACRS Subcommittee on Waste Management met with the NRC Staff to discuss the final draft of the Q-List Technical Position that provides the NRC Staff position on QA criteria for licensing a geologic repository for the disposal of high-level waste.

On the basis of these discussions, the Subcommittee concluded that the final draft Q-List Technical Position is a sound document and that the NRC Staff has done an excellent job, particularly in subjecting the report to thorough review by outside groups and in being responsive to the comments submitted. The Subcommittee concurs in its publication.

Interactions with waste management personnel of the U.S. Department of Energy indicate that, for their purpose, the issuance of Technical Positions in the form of Regulatory Guides would resolve certain questions, would permit the document to be more readily referenced, and would avoid potential problems that could develop at later steps in the repository licensing process. The Subcommittee understands that personnel in the NRC Division of High-Level Waste Management concur in these comments and are exploring mechanisms to have this and similar documents issued as Regulatory Guides. The Subcommittee concludes that formulation of geologic repository-related Technical Positions in the form of Regulatory Guides is desirable and recommends that steps be taken to accomplish this.

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