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MEMORANDUM FOR: William J. Dircks, Director

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards

FROM:

Howard K. Shapar

Executive Legal Director

SUBJECT:

RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS TO REINSTITUTE GESMO

This responds to your memorandum of June 16, 1980 on the subject matter in which you requested an estimate of OELD time-phased resource requirements for complying with proposed legislation to resume and complete proceedings on the Generic Environmental Statement on Mixed Oxide Fuel (GESMO).

Applying the assumptions specified in your memorandum and those additional assumptions provided by Glenn Terry on June 18, 1980, the OELD time-phased resource requirements would be as follows:

October 1980 - December 1981 1.5 staff years
January 1982 - September 1982 2.5 staff years
October 1982 - January 1983 1.5 staff years
January 1983 - September 1983 3.5 staff years

In the event the presiding tribunal permits the cross-examination of witnesses during the course of the proceeding, we estimate that an additional 1 staff year of OELD effort would be required during the period January 1983 - September 1983.

During the prior GESMO proceeding a serious problem developed with respect to the collection, reproduction and distribution of necessary documents to the parties. This is a time consuming and expensive effort. We would urge that any resource requirement plan which is developed include adequate personnel and funding for the collection, reproduction and distribution of documents.

It should be noted that our present OELD budget requests for FY 1981-1983 do not contemplate the resumption of the GESMO proceeding. Accordingly, if the legislation is enacted and the GESMO proceeding reinstituted OELD will require supplemental relief. Given the limited personnel ceiling of OELD and the dedication of OELD personnel to other high priority and pressing NRC activities,

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our ability to reprogram in order to obtain staff necessary to meet the estimated personnel requirements for the GESMO proceeding is, for all practical purposes, non-existent.

Original signed . by H. K. Shapar

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