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SUBJECT: STATE INVOLVEMENT IN HIGH-LEVEL WASTE DISPOSAL LICENSING

I appreciate your letter of April 14. Your letter provides some specific suggestions for implementation of 10 CFR 60 Subpart C involving participation by States in NRC's HLW licensing process and also offers assistance in this area.

The establishment of effective working arrangements with States prior to SCR submittal is, as I indicated in the March, Region V States meeting, crucial to a successful SCR review process. Most of the job of establishing these arrangements will be performed by project managers of the licensing review teams we have set up for the leading DOE sites. Also, I have established responsibilities on my staff for handling general State participation matters -- Seth Coplan with assistance from Ronald Uleck. We will also be relying on assistance from Licensing Process and Integration Branch (WMPI) and High-Level Waste Licensing Management Branch (WMHL) staff on selected tasks.

As I discussed with you, we are planning meetings with State representatives in Nevada and Washington during the week of May 16 to discuss more specifically than I could do at Walnut Creek what State needs and interests are and to make progress in determining specifically how they would like to participate in the upcoming SCR review. As a follow-up to our March meeting and your letter, I propose that we meet this week to discuss the points in your letter concerning overall

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strategy and to review what we might offer to States in our upcoming meeting regarding assistance from NRC.

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