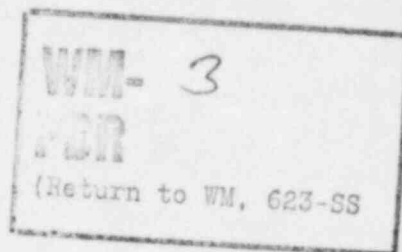


DEC 28 1982



WMLL:KSD
411.4

Ms. Mary Krigbaum
Technical Intern
Conservation Law Foundation
of New England, Inc.
3 Joy Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

Dear Ms. Krigbaum:

Your letter dated December 14, 1982 requesting information about low-level radioactive waste was referred to me for response.

You indicated an interest in methods for storage and treatment of low-level wastes. I have enclosed two documents which relate to this point. One is a contractor report on volume reduction which is an overview of treatment methods (NUREG/CR-2206). The second is a generic letter dated November 10, 1981 sent to reactor licensees concerning on-site storage of low-level waste.

You questioned whether above ground containment is a feasible disposal method. I have enclosed two reports on screening and evaluation of alternative methods for disposal of low-level wastes. Engineered disposal is addressed in these documents and was found to be a feasible disposal method. The Commission would license any land disposal method for low-level waste under the provisions of 10 CFR Part 61 which should be published as a final rule the week of December 27, 1982. I have enclosed a copy of the final environmental impact statement supporting final Part 61 (NUREG-0945). Appendix F of Volume 3 contains an advance copy of the final rule.

You also asked about other organizations to contact. You may wish to contact either:

Michael J. Barainca
Department of Energy
Idaho Operations Office
550 2nd Street
Idaho Falls, ID 83401

or

Dr. George Levin
EG&G Idaho Inc.
P.O. Box 1625
Idaho Falls, ID 83415

8301180434 821228
PDR WASTE
WM-3 PDR

Mary Krigbaum

- 2 -

concerning Department of Energy programs on alternative disposal methods.

If you have further questions, you may wish to contact Kitty Dragonette ((301) 427-4160) of my staff.

Sincerely

RE BROWNING FOR
John B. Martin, Director
Division of Waste Management
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards

Enclosures:

- 1. NUREG/CR-2206
- 2. Generic ltr 81-38
- 3. NUREG/CR-0308
- 4. NUREG/CR-0680
- 5. NUREG-0945

DISTRIBUTION: EDO-12596, *w/o enclosures*

WM s/f 411.4	ETana	Gcunningham
WMLL r/f	WDircks	
NMSS r/f	JMartin	
EDO r/f	RBrowning	
EDO	RScarano	
JDavis	KDragonette	
Abentley	JRoe	
EDO #12596 file	TRehm	
	<i>PDR</i>	

411.4/mat/82/12/22/0

OFC	<i>KSN</i> WMLL:MB	WMLL <i>MA</i>	WM	WM	ELD <i>television</i>
NAME	KSDragonette	RAScarano	REBrowning <i>RSD</i>	JBMartin <i>RSD</i>	RLFonner <i>KSN</i>
DATE	82/12/23	82/12/23	82/12/23	82/12/23	82/12/23

No legal per objection