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MEMORANDUM FOR: Low-Level Waste Licensing Branch

FROM: Edward F. Hawkins, Acting Chief Low-Level Waste Licensing Branch

SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON GUIDES FOR STANDARD FORMAT AND CONTENT OF LOW-LEVEL WASTE APPLICATIONS

As many of you know, the Low-Level Waste Licensing Branch has been working with SD and now RES for some time toward developing standard format and content guides covering both the license application and environmental aspects of a low level waste application submittal. Initially, it was agreed that a single guide would be issued covering both subjects. However, when delays in the Part 61 schedule threatened to delay this entire effort, it was decided that separate guides would be issued for the license application and environmental report parts of a proposed application.

The draft environmental standard format and content guide was issued for public comment in April 1982. Due to the conflict in schedules resulting from Part 61 assignments, this draft received minimal LLW Branch input during the preparation stage and following issuance. In order that we can get our comments to RES to enable them to issue this draft in final form. I would ask each of you to give top priority to reviewing the environmental draft and providing your comments to Jim Thomas by January 28, 1983.

Work on the standard format and content guide for license applications is not quite so advanced as on the environmental guide, but RES has provided us with the attached first draft. Please review this document and provide your comments to Jim Thomas by January 28, 1983.

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The following factors should be considered during your review of these documents.

- 1. While we are issuing separate guides, we want to preserve the option for an applicant to submit a single report covering both license application and environmental aspects. Therefore, if you identify areas where the requirements are essentially identical, label these areas as such so that the final guides can be footnoted to indicate that the applicant may simply reference another area of the report.
- 2. With respect to Part 61, make certain that all of the requirements of Part 61 are addressed in the license application guide.
- 3. The guides should be as clear as possible to minimize the need to request additional information, request only information that is needed, yet provide all the information we will need to evaluate license application and prepare an EA or EIS.

If you have problems meeting the deadline, see your section leader or myself.

Original Signed 25, Edward F. Hawkins

Edward F. Hawkins, Acting Chief Low-Level Waste Licensing Branch

Enclosures:

- 1. Draft Environmental Standard Format and Content Guide
- Guides for Standard Format and Content Guide for License Applications

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