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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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SUBJECT: TMI-2 WASTE DISPOSAL SUPPORT GROUP

A significant element in the resolution of the situation at TMI-2 is the disposal of radioactive waste. Since there is a strong relationship between developing waste management policy and that which is done at TMI, NMSS intends to establish a special group to support the TMI program office in waste management.

The NMSS interest is that waste is produced in a form of sufficient quality so that the waste can be disposed ultimately in a safe manner and as consistent as practicable with regulatory requirements which are being developed concurrently. Hence, NMSS interest is in the waste form, packaging, storage, transport and disposal and the safeguards associated with these activities. This TMI-2 Waste Disposal Support Group (WDSG) will report to the Director, Division of Waste Management, and will have a continuing interface with the TMI-2 program office and, as needed, the TMI-2 licensee to assure that WDSG activities focus on the waste disposal issues in a manner that is consistent with the overall planning of the Program Office and the licensee.

R. E. Browning, Deputy Director, Division of Waste Management, will head this group initially on a full-time basis. Homer Lowenberg, Assistant Director for Operations and Technology, FC, will be detailed full-time to the WDSG. T. Johnson and C. Bishop, WM, also are assigned to this priority effort. We anticipate that the WDSG will need a broad spectrum of support from your Divisions in its work. As this support is identified, it will be requested by the WDSG in as much detail as practicable. Recognizing that the WDSG is a priority effort, please remain aware of these requests to assure that your overall priorities are recognized and that resources are appropriately managed.

Please designate a lead individual (e.g., deputy division director) with whom Bob Browning can work and coordinate requests for assistance.

Efforts in the WDSG should be reported against TAC #1591 for manpower data accumulation purposes.

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