



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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*John Collins*  
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*→ Solid Waste*

July 30, 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR: Lee V. Gossick  
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Robert G. Ryan, Director, SP

SUBJECT: MEETING WITH GOVERNOR RAY, JULY 27, 1979

As I mentioned to you last week, David Jenkins, Special Assistant to Governor Ray, asked me to arrange for NRC, DOT, Med Ed participation at a meeting with Governor Ray on Friday, July 27. The meeting was to discuss three things:

1. TMI shipments to Hanford
2. Chairman Hendrie's letter to Governors Ray, Riley and List
3. NRC's offer of a transportation surveillance contract to the State of Washington.

The meeting took place on Friday, July 27 at the World Trade Center in Seattle. A copy of the agenda is attached. NRC participants were: Mr. Schwartz and myself (SP), Mr. George Bidinger, Frank Wenslawski and Regional Director Engelken (IE), Mr. John Collins (NRR) and Mr. Robert Browning (NMSS). DOT was represented by Marge Wiessman and John Quigley and Phil Olenick, U.S. Coast Guard. DOE sent Louise Dressen and Alex Fremling, Director of Richland Operations. Med Ed sent Corporate Vice President Robert Arnold, Consultant Mr. Ben Rusche and transportation planner Seymour Henck and NEECO, the operator of the burial ground sent a sizable contingent. Besides Governor Ray and Dave Jenkins, the State of Washington had Dr. John Beare, Terry Strong, Bob Will and the Governor's counsel. The local press was also in attendance.

Governor Ray opened the meeting with greetings and a statement of the points to be covered. She mentioned the Chairman's letter which she said was both prompt and responsive. Mr. George Bidinger then discussed the letter in some detail and our intentions regarding it. Governor Ray suggested that notices to

licensees about packaging should be mailed registered with return receipts requested. We talked about the difficulty of opening packages at the point of origin and about the difficulty of inspecting each of the material licensees. Mr. Bidinger said he contemplated an expedited rule making and we were committed to getting notice to our licensees by September 1, 1979. Since there are 20,000 in Agreement and non-Agreement States, I suggested that we envisioned a random sampling and spot checking because we did not have the manpower for individual inspections now at each of the 8,000+ NRC licensees. Governor Ray agreed. The same applies to the Agreement States. Mr. Schwartz then spoke of the now pending surveillance contract with the State of Washington and mentioned that the \$20,000 figure could be increased if warranted. DOT then spoke about its plans to carry out its part of the Hendrie letter commitments. DOT will support NRC and will provide on-site inspectors at the three low level sites. Governor Ray urged that DOT notify all carriers that there will be increased emphasis on packaging safety and inspections. DOT agreed.

DOE saw its role as supportive and promised any help it could deliver.

Med Ed then made a presentation on its plans for moving low level waste from TMI to Hanford. Mr. Rusche talked about the volume of waste on hand, procedures for loading the vehicles, on-site monitoring before it leaves the site, his certification that the shipment was in conformity to all applicable rules and procedures, routing, emergency plans for carriers (Chem Nuclear), accompaniment of drivers. He stressed his plan for notification to all States through which the shipments will pass. At present there are about 600 drums of dry compacted waste awaiting shipment at TMI. The shipments will begin shortly. Mr. Browning of NMSS pointed out that as far as NMSS was concerned it was still an open question as to whether Med Ed should ship dewatered vacuum dried resins or whether they would have to be solidified. NMSS apparently believes that solidification is necessary. Mr. John Collins from NRR stated that is not the position of his office. The current direction from NRR is that Med Ed may ship dewatered vacuum dried resins without solidification. Bob Will, a State RAD health officer, then produced a vial which he said was representative of dewatered resins. The vial clearly contained water. Mr. Collins suggested that it was not a representative sample of dewatered vacuum dried resins. Mr. Browning agreed. I pointed out that under its charter NEECO could not accept liquid wastes at Hanford. This was the only discordant note in an otherwise amicable meeting.

Governor Ray closed by thanking the people in attendance and again emphasizing the importance of low level disposal sites not only to receive waste from reactors but also waste from medical and hospital uses of radioactive material. The other States she said must pull their weight and recognize the importance of their activity to public health and safety. Each State must assure that the waste it sends is properly packaged. If it is not, she said along with Governor Riley and Governor List, she was prepared to exclude the waste of offending States from the sites they license and supervise.

Original Signed By  
Robert G. Ryan

Robert G. Ryan, Director  
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Enclosure

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DISCUSSION MEETING:  
NUCLEAR WASTE TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE  
WORLD TRADE CENTER  
SEA-TAC AIRPORT, MAIN TERMINAL  
JULY 27, 1979

AGENDA

DAVID JENKINS, PRESIDING

1. INTRODUCTIONS.....DAVID JENKINS
2. WELCOME AND  
BRIEF REMARKS.....GOVERNOR RAY
3. TRANSPORTATION REGULATIONS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS
  - A. U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
  - B. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
  - C. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
  - D. OTHERS
4. CERTIFICATION AND TRANSPORTATION PROCEDURES  
GENERAL PUBLIC UTILITIES CORPORATION GPU, REPRESENTATIVES
  - A. MR. BEN C. RUSCHE
  - B. MR. SEYMOUR HENCK
  - C. NUCLEAR ENGINEERING COMPANY
  - D. CHEM-NUCLEAR
5. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS, COMMENTS AND GENERAL DISCUSSION
6. MEETING SCHEDULED TO TERMINATE: 12:00 NOON



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1. U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Mr. Robert Englekind, Director of Region 5 Office  
Mr. Frank Wenslawski, Region 5  
Mr. Sheldon Schwartz, State Program Office  
Mr. George Bitinger, Inspection and Enforcement  
Mr. John Collins, Nuclear Reactor Regulations

2. GENERAL PUBLIC UTILITIES CORP.

Mr. Ben C. Rusche, Executive Director, GPU  
Mr. Robert Arnold  
Mr. Seymour Henck

3. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Mr. John Quigley, DOT, Portland  
Mr. Phil Olenick, U.S. Coast Guard, Seattle  
Ms. Marge Wiesman, DOT, Seattle

4. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Ms. Louise Dressen, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, D.C.  
Mr. Lee Johnson, (Representing Mr. Jack Robertson) Region 10,  
U.S. Department of Energy, Seattle  
Mr. Alex Fremling, Director, Richland Operations, U.S. DOE  
Mr. Dick Hames, Richland Operations

5. WASHINGTON STATE RADIATION CONTROL PROGRAM

Dr. John Beare  
Mr. Terry Strong  
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