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SUBJECT:

TRIP REPORT: ACURI ANNUAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 10, 1992

On September 10, 1992. I attended the Third Annual Meeting of the Appalachian Compact Users of Radioactive Isotopes (ACURI) in Harrisburg, PA. I was invited to attend this meeting by John R. Vincenti, ACURI Executive Secretary, in order to present a workshop (2 sessions, same material) on the results of the National Profile on Commercially Generated Low-Level Radioactive Mixed Waste and an update of our activities with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Susan Jones (EPA) presented an overview of the Hazardous Waste Identification Rule. A copy of Susan's and my talking points and overheads are enclosed.

The two sessions were attended by a total of about 50 individuals. My presentation appeared to be well received and the addience seemed to be interested in the status of our (NRC's and EPA's) mixed waste programs. Questions centered around the results of the Profile and requests for copies of the joint testing guidance. William Dornsife, Chief of the Division of Nuclear Safety, Bureau of Radiation Protection, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources, requested copies of the Task 5, 6 and 7 Technical Letter Report.

Dr. Vincenti asked that I provide him with a copy of my talking points or written material that he could publish in the next ACURI Newsletter. I have prepared a cover letter and an article on the results of the National Profile. These are also enclosed for your review.

In addition to presenting the 2 workshops I attended the morning plenary session and the luncheon. NRC Commissioner Forrest 3. Remick was the featured speaker at the plenary session. Commissioner Remick discussed the effect of the Courts decision on the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Policy Amendments Act, described the low-level waste disposal facilities he recently toured in France and Spain, discussed NRC's Low-Level Waste Programs and provided an update on the Below Regulatory Concern issue. He also encouraged ACURI to continue their involvement in the low-level radioactive waste disposal facility siting process. The luncheon speaker was Dr. Michael O'Hare from the University of

9210080257 921001 PDR: WASTE WM-3 PDR California, Berkeley. Dr. O'Hare's talk was on the politics of siting a disposal facility.

Dr. Vincenti repeatedly expressed his, and ACURI's, appreciation to NRC for allowing me to attend the meeting and indicated that he felt the relationship between ACURI and NRC was very good. He felt that this was due in large part to the spirit of cooperation that has been established between NRC and ACURI (through Paul Lohaus and the Operations Branch) and the continuity in NRC's representatives at the ACURI functions.

I have enclosed a copy of the meeting agenda and vendor information for the Section's review.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

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