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MEMORANDUM FOR: Carlton Kammerer, Director
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SUBJECT: WASHINGTON RCP ACKNOWLEDGEMENT LETTER

The State of Washington is not compatible with NRC because several recent NRC regulations have not been adopted by the State. These regulations are being applied via license conditions as necessary until the adoption process is completed and as a result the State feels that this is not a health and safety issue. In addition, I feel that the State has a special case and that management all the way to the Governor is aware of the problem. They have agreed to act as expedient as possible, however as you know, a new Department of Health was recently created and the RCP was moved into that new department. The Governor has ordered the new department to rewrite the entire department's regulations, including the Radiation Control Regulations, in an entirely new format for efficiency and consistency and not to do one section separate from the whole. The manpower currently assigned to this task and the process of regulation adoption in the State are such that this will take approximately 9 months. State Senior Management feels that this is a reasonable time for such a large task in a new department. I feel that in a time of tight budgets and the fact that senior management all the way to the Governor is concerned with these regulations that we should back off and give them a chance to complete the task.

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