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MEMORANDUM FOR: John B. Martin, Director  
Division of Waste Management

FROM: Joseph O. Bunting, Jr., Chief  
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SUBJECT: QUESTIONS ON WEST VALLEY WASTE SOLIDIFICATION LEGISLATION  
(S. 2443, INTRODUCED BY SENS. MOYNIHAN AND JAVITS, AND H.R.  
6865, INTRODUCED BY REP. LUNDINE)

Your note of April 10 asked if NRC had been asked to comment on the above Bills providing for DOE solidification of the liquid wastes as the NRC Western New York Nuclear Service Center in West Valley, NY. You also wanted to know if the Division of Waste Management (WM) had been properly involved in the preparation of comments, and whether this Division is coordinating with the Division of Fuel Cycle and Material Safety (FC).

Our understanding is that the Commission has not received a formal request to comment on these Bills, but they are virtually identical to the proposed amendment introduced by Lundine last year to the FY 1980 DOE authorization Bill. Mr. Dircks testified on this amendment on May 31, 1980 before the House Interior Subcommittee on Energy and the Environment, and a copy of his testimony is enclosed. After the failure of the Lundine amendment, Mr. Dircks also asked FC to analyze the Moynihan Bill on February 27, 1980, three weeks before it was introduced as a companion Bill to Lundine's H.R. 6865, a resurrection of last year's amendment. A copy of Mr. Cunningham's response is also enclosed, together with a copy of Ed Regnier's memorandum to FC's Charles Haughney, who prepared the memo for Mr. Cunningham's signature.

While FC did request our input, the analysis of the Waste Licensing Branch is not evident in the memo to Mr. Dircks. You will note that both memoranda carry the same date, and the points in Ed Regnier's do not appear in Cunningham's. To assure adequate coordination of our comments on S. 2443, however, I have been in touch with both Ed Regnier and Charles Haughney, and have put them on concurrence for our separately-ticketed analysis.

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Enclosures:  
As stated