

April 2, 1999

MEMORANDUM TO: John T. Larkins Executive Director, ACRS/ACNW
FROM: J. Samuel Walker, Acting Secretary /s/
SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - MEETING WITH ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WASTE AND
NUCLEAR WASTE TECHNICAL REVIEW BOARD (SECY-99-074), 9:00 A.M., WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 17, 1999, COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT NORTH,
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by the Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) and the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board (NWTRB) on the Department of Energy's Viability Assessment of a Repository at Yucca Mountain.

The ACNW noted that it expected to provide a letter report in the next few months on the NRC's research program relating to high level waste issues, which will include a discussion of some of the work being done at the Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analysis (CNWRA). This report will be part of the annual Research report to the Commission by the ACRS/ACNW.

The Commission requested ACNW comment on whether there is any information provided in of the Viability Assessment that should be considered in the development of 10 CFR Part 63.

(ACNW)

(SECY Suspense: 7/23/99)

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