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SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL OF RESEARCH PROGRAM PLAN: RADIONUCLIDE  
TRANSPORT IN THE ENVIRONMENT- MARCH 2002

In October 2001, the staff of the Radiation Protection, Environmental Risk and Waste Management Branch (RPERWMB) in my division issued a draft of the subject research plan for comment, and the plan was revised in response to the comments received. A copy of the current version of the plan is attached to this memorandum and available in ADAMS. The plan describes how RES plans to provide research support for regulatory activities in the areas of decommissioning and waste management.

Chapter 4 of the plan now describes how research priorities are set within the radionuclide transport research program and lists the results of RPERWMB's prioritization. Chapter 5 of the plan contains brief statements of objectives and work scopes for the projects that RPERWMB plans to pursue further and very brief descriptions of projects that RPERWMB has decided to defer.

This plan will be maintained by RES as a means to prioritize research projects and will be updated annually to address any new initiatives and user needs. You are welcome to provide additional comments on the plan at any time. If you have questions on the plan, please contact John Randall of my staff by telephone at 415-6192 or electronic mail at JDR. Thank you for your help in the development of this plan.

Attachment: "Radionuclide Transport in the Environment: Research Program Plan - March 2002" (**ML020660731**)

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**REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON “RADIONUCLIDE TRANSPORT IN  
THE ENVIRONMENT: RESEARCH PROGRAM PLAN - MARCH  
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