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FROM: Nicholas D. Lewis, Chairman

SUBJECT: Meeting of November, 15, 1982--Summary

The task force meeting convened at approximately 10:00 a.m. in the Governor's Conference Room in Olympia, Washington. The following members were present: Senator Al Williams, Representative Georgette Valle, Ed McGuire, Don Moos, Sam Reed, Dave Stevens, Ray Lasmanis, Don Provost, Ed Clarke, Karen Rahm, Senator Max Benitz and Nick Lewis.

Also attending were: Randy Moon, Science Advisor to Governor Matheson of the State of Utah (representing the Office of Nuclear Waste in that state), Eleanor Price, Senate Energy and Utilities Committee, and Brad Erlandson, Assistant to Chairman Lewis.

Chairman Lewis opened the meeting with an introduction of those present, and a discussion of the day's agenda topics followed.

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Members were reminded that any costs for travel connected with the task force can be reimbursed using grant money provided by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). If task force members have questions they should contact Brad Erlandson at the EFSEC offices.

A December 6, 1982 walk-through of the DOE Site Characterization Report was announced. A policy level (management oriented) briefing will begin at 10:00 a.m., and at 1:00 p.m. a technical briefing will be presented.

Recommendations have been sent to the Governor for appointments to the Task Force Advisory Council, consisting of citizens and local Tri-City officials, and, as soon as announced, the first meeting of that council will be scheduled. Chairman Lewis will meet with them in an advisory capacity and they will be invited to attend the December 6, 1982 briefing.

A discussion of the first report to the Governor and legislature, which the executive order established as a semi-annual requirement, took place. A target date of mid-March for this first report was determined, with some flexibility for an interim report, if needed.

David Stevens, Assistant to the Governor, announced that the Memorial to Congress, relative to the role states might play with regard to high-level nuclear wastes, is "on hold" until action is taken on the bills pending in the U.S. Congress.

It was previously decided that, in order to carry out the seven charges given the task force, a work plan would be required. A draft work plan decision matrix was distributed and discussion followed. There seemed to be general agreement that the task force should develop the kind of program it feels is appropriate, cost it out, and then determine if sufficient funding is available through the U.S. DOE.

Discussion also revealed that the subject of public participation (information) is a major concern. Little consensus was reached on how to approach the technical review, in that most task force members were reluctant to approach this matter without further advice from the Technical Advisory Group or other experts on this subject.

The decision was made to hire Mr. John Gervers of Latir Energy Consultants who has had experience in developing these types of programs. He will be hired for a period of approximately two weeks to further detail a work plan program design.

The December 13-16, 1982 NWTs Program Informational Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada was announced.

December 20, 1982 was decided upon as the date for the next task force meeting.

The afternoon session began at 1:30 p.m. Introductions were made. Joining the afternoon session were: Lane Bray (Richland City Councilman), Randy Scott (Governor's Assistant for Indian Affairs), Fred Adair (House Energy & Utilities Committee), John White (Associated Press). NRC persons present were: Hub Miller, Robert Wright, Joe Bunting, Jerry Saltzman, Bruce Berson, Rob MacDougall, Kathy Russell and Dean Kunihiro. U.S. DOE representatives were: John Antonnen, Lee Olson, and Dave Squires. Joe H. Larue, representing Rockwell, also attended.

A detailed briefing by NRC persons was presented. The following is a concise outline of their presentation.

1. Joe Bunting
  - NRC's high-level waste licensing program specifically covering the site characterization stage and opportunities for State and Indian Tribal participation
2. Hub Miller
  - Nature of Health and Safety Issues
  - HLW Licensing Approach
  - HLW Licensing Schedules
  - DOE Site Characterization Report
  - NRC Site Characterization Analysis
  - NRC HLW Licensing Organization
3. Bob Wright
  - A review of the technical aspects of Hanford as a candidate site:
    - (a) stability
    - (b) heat effects
    - (c) radiation effects

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