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MEMORANDUM FOR: Waste Management Division Staff

FROM: Robert E. Browning, Director
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SUBJECT: WM POLICY AND PROCEDURE FOR MEETINGS WITH DOE WITH STATE AND
TRIBAL PARTICIPATION

The NRC regulation 10 CFR Part 60 and the NRC/DOE Procedural Agreement accord the States and Tribes the opportunity for full participation in DOE/NRC meetings on the high-level waste repository program. Participation by the States and Tribes means that there is sufficient time for them to obtain and review pertinent materials, decide whether to attend, and make travel arrangements.

The lead responsibility for establishing meetings between NRC and DOE is the Chief, Repository Projects Branch (WMPB). Meetings with DOE will be scheduled to afford the States/Tribes sufficient time to prepare themselves comparable to the time NRC staff requires to prepare itself. Therefore, NRC will normally provide notification and furnish States/Tribes any material developed for the meeting 4 weeks prior to the meeting when new substantive documents require review. Shorter notice may be appropriate for meetings requiring the review of smaller or more familiar documents. However, in any case, a minimum of 10 working days for notice and distribution of material will normally be given. Final agreement for both agenda and participants normally will be reached a minimum of 10 working days prior to the scheduled date of the meeting. The NRC will announce upcoming meetings related to its high-level waste management program through a telephone recording service and issue a weekly notice to identified representatives of the potential host States and affected Indian Tribes.

As soon as DOE and NRC propose tentative dates for meetings, WMPB will contact the Section Leader of the Program Control and Analysis Section in WMPC and the appropriate individuals in WMEG and WMGT, so there will be adequate notification to all involved parties.

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