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MEMORANDUM TO: Charlotte Abrams, Section Chief
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MEETING ATTENDEES

Date: Thursday, June 29, 2006

Topic: Workshop on NRC's Rulemaking for Groundwater Protection Requirements at *In Situ* Leach Uranium Recovery Facilities

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