

January 30, 1984

NOTE TO: R. Browning

FROM: John G. Davis

SUBJECT: MEETING WITH DOE "BLUE RIBBON" COMMITTEE

Bunting and I had an "introductory meeting" with Diarmuid O'Scannlain, Chairman of the DOE Blue Ribbon Committee on January 23, 1984. Bunting attended, as an observer, the first meeting of the Committee on January 24-25, 1984. A memorandum to the Chairman (copies to Commissioners) should be prepared for these two meetings.

Bunting informs me that the Committee appears to very wide ranging in its interests but seems to be focusing on cost control. NRC has been asked to make a presentation (with representatives who can speak to policy) on February 21-22, 1984. I believe this presentation to be of first importance.

I suggest you develop an outline early for the presentation and that we meet promptly, by February 6, 1984, to discuss it. You should recognize that some on the Committee have little knowledge of NRC hence it will be necessary for the presentation to begin with the basics.

I have attached a very general listing of subjects that should be included.


John G. Davis

Enclosure:
As stated

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DOE BRIEFING

- o Purpose of NRC regulation
- o Elements of NWPA regulated by NRC
- o Legal basis for NRC regulation of the DOE program
 - Civilian and defense HLW
 - Exclusions
 - Non-geologic disposal
- o Legal basis for the NRC regulation approach
 - That which is required by statute
 - That which is imposed by regulation (and, hence, subject to Commission judgment)
- o Procedural aspects of regulation development
 - Initial regulation development
 - Amending the regulations
- o Status of Part 60
 - Final
 - Conformance to NWPA
 - Impact of EPA actions
 - Changes in progress and under consideration
 - Significance of redefinition of HLW
- o Procedural Part 60
 - Scheme for license review and decision
 - NRC schedules and time needs
 - The hearing-purpose, conduct, schedule
- o Technical Part 60
 - Requirements on DOE
 - Flexibility for DOE
 - Issues and resolution
- o NRC Guidance to DOE
 - Purpose and Focus
 - Status
 - Stabilizing the process (how does NRC judge when its information needs are complete)

- o Interfaces with DOE
 - Information--major submittals and NRC actions
 - Formal--major submittals and NRC actions
 - MOU's and agreements
- o Costs for NRC
 - NRC direct costs
 - NRC contract costs
 - Comparison with DOE costs
 - Access to fund
- o NRC Comments on National Program
 - Previous situation
 - Current situation
 - NRC concerns