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MEMORANDUM FOR FEB 15 1984 Chairman Palladino

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FROM: William J. Dircks, Executive Director for Operations (Return to WM, 623-SS)

SUBJECT: MEETING WITH ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR CANNON, EPA, ON 2/7/84

In preparation for your meeting with Administrator Ruckelshaus of EPA, John Davis and I met with Joe Cannon, Assistant Administrator for Air, Noise and Radiation, and Sheldon Meyers of EPA. The purpose of this meeting was to explore with EPA areas and issues that needed senior management attention prior to your meeting with EPA. The discussion focused upon the Clean Air Act, Low Level Waste and Uranium Mill Tailings. There are three general issues that arise out of each of the agency's involvement with the standards. They are:

- . Dual regulation
- . Jurisdictional issues
- . Conflicting schedules due to different agency's priorities

As a result of this meeting, Mr. Cannon appears to be quite agreeable that our staffs work on two areas in an attempt to resolve these three issues. The first area is to have the staff develop a possible legislative fix regarding application of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act to low level radioactive waste disposal and uranium mill tailings. In doing so this would help clarify the dual regulatory involvement in these two areas. This act is currently before Congress for reauthorization. Cannon said that while he could not speak entirely for EPA, he felt they would not object to our seeking congressional clarification.

The second area dealt with the staff working together to prepare an umbrella memorandum of understanding outlining the interface between the two agencies. The staff, as a part of this effort, will attempt to incorporate the various MOU's we had been pursuing with EPA on specific limited areas of our interface.

There was general agreement by both staffs that you and Mr. Ruckelshaus should meet. We will provide you an update on specific positions for a meeting in March.

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(Signed) William J. Dircks

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TO: Mr. Bell
From: R. Wendle

January 16, 1984

Honorable William D. Ruckelshaus
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Washington, D. C. 20460

Dear Mr. Ruckelshaus:

I have been looking forward to meeting ever since your appointment as EPA Administrator and would like to do so in the near future to continue the top-level close working relationship between the NRC and EPA in areas of mutual interest that has existed in the past.

I believe that a meeting at this time would be particularly useful as a vehicle for addressing policy issues that are now before our respective agencies. Issues that we might find worth reviewing are:

- EPA and NRC respective responsibilities in waste disposal;
- General EPA and NRC responsibilities in setting radiation standards and implementing them; and
- Possible need for a revised memorandum of understanding between EPA and NRC.

Our two staffs are working prior to our meeting to try to highlight specific areas where policy decisions are needed. I will be touch with you soon to arrange the meeting.

Sincerely,

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