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MEMORANDUM TO: John T. Larkins
Executive Director, ACRS/ACNW

FROM: Annette L. Vietti-Cook, Secretary *Annette Vietti-Cook*

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - MEETING WITH ADVISORY
COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WASTE (ACNW) 9:30 A.M.,
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1999, COMMISSIONERS'
CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT NORTH,
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by members and a consultant of the ACNW on the following topics:

1. Risk Communications
2. Repository Design White Paper
3. Part 63 and the Environmental Protection Agency High-Level Waste (HLW) Standard
4. Decommissioning
5. ACNW Action Plan and Self-Assessment

The Commission appreciates hearing the views and advice of the ACNW. A number of questions were raised during the meeting that the ACNW should address at the appropriate time in its regular correspondence with the Commission. The ACNW should also continue to coordinate schedules with staff as several high priority actions, particularly related to the high-level waste program, will have fairly tight deadlines in the next year and to ensure that duplicative efforts are minimized. For example, the staff is scheduled to submit the draft final rulemaking package on 10 CFR Part 63 to the Commission for approval by March 31, 2000. The views of the ACNW on the draft final rule would be timely if received by that deadline.

The ACNW should also keep abreast of the staff's efforts to identify the potential impacts associated with the concept of rubblization at NRC-licensed sites and provide feedback periodically to the staff and Commission on these issues. In particular, what land uses are permissible for sites released for restricted use (e.g., could the site be used for industrial purposes or community-based land use)? The ACNW should also keep abreast of the staff's efforts to develop a dose methodology to ensure compliance with the Part 20 license termination rule.

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