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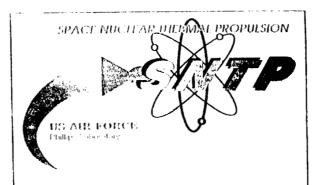




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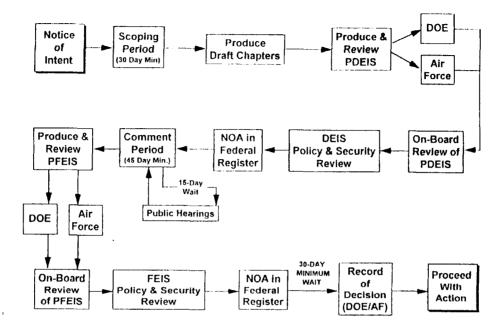
- o POLICY DOCUMENT PUBLISHED IN MAY 1992
- o OVERALL OBJECTIVES:
 - -- TO ENSURE THE MAXIMUM PROTECTION OF THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC AND SNTP WORKERS
 - -- TO PROTECT PROPERTY FROM DAMAGE OR LOSS
 - -- TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT FROM CONTAMINATION OR DAMAGE AS A CONSEQUENCE OF SNTP ACTIVITIES

PROGRAM SAFETY POLICIES

- O SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WILL BE EXPLICITLY CONSIDERED AND INCORPORATED THROUGHOUT THE LIFETIME OF EVERY SNTP PROGRAM ACTIVITY.
- O THE SNTP PROGRAM SHALL MEET ALL MANDATED, STATUTORY, AND LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SAETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.
- o ADDITIONALLY, EVERY PRACTICAL EFFORT SHALL BE MADE TO MAINTAIN RISKS DUE TO RADIATION AND TOXIC MATERIAL EXPOSURES AS LOW AS REASONABLY ACHIEVABLE (ALARA)
- O COMPLIANCE WITH THESE REQUIREMENTS WILL BE BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF DEFENSE-IN-DEPTH INVOLVING MULTIPLE PHYSICAL, PROCEDURAL, AND ADMINISTRATIVE BARRIERS.

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DEIS PUBLIC HEARING COMMENTS

- o NEPA PROCESS:
 - INSUFFICIENT REVIEW PERIOD
 - -- SCOPING COMMENTS NOT INCLUDED
 - -- POSTPONE PENDING RELATED NEPA ACTIVITIES
 - -- REQUESTED ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEARINGS
 - -- INAPPROPRIATE SCOPE
 - -- INSTALLATIONS NOT EQUALLY REPRESENTED
 - -- INSUFFICIENT STATEMENTS OF PURPOSE AND NEED
- PROVIDES OPTIONS FOR TESTING ALTERNATIVE FUELS
- o REQUESTED CLARIFICATION RELATIVE TO INDEMNIFICATION

- QUESTIONED RELATIONSHIP TO PREVIOUS CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS
- o IMPACTS ON YUCCA MOUNTAIN NOT ANALYZED
- o POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON EMPLOYMENT NOT ANALYZED
- o ALTERNATIVES:
 - -- PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS UNDERESTIMATED
 - -- ALL SUITABLE SITES HAVE NOT BEEN INCLUDED
 - -- TRANSPORTATION ISSUES INADEQUATELY ADDRESSED
 - -- METEOROLOGICAL PREREQUISITES NOT SPECIFIC
 - -- NON-NUCLEAR ALTERNATIVES NOT CONSIDERED

DEIS PUBLIC HEARING COMMENTS (cont'd)

- o HAZARDOUS MATERIALS:
 - -- HIGH LEVEL WASTE STREAM NOT IDENTIFIED
 - -- TRU WASTE CERTIFICATION MISREPRESENTED
 - -- WASTE REDUCTION TECHNIQUES NOT ADDRESSED
 - -- WIPP CAPABILITIES OVER ESTIMATED
 - -- SOME DISPOSAL METHODS ARE ILLEGAL
 - -- LIQUID WASTE STREAMS NOT ANALYZED
 - -- RCRA-LISTED WASTE NOT SPECIFIED
 - -- LIMITS OF INEL RCRA-B EXCEEDED
 - -- LDR WASTES NOT IDENTIFIED
- POTENTIAL GREENHOUSE EFFECT NOT ANALYZED

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- o PROPOSAL INSENSITIVE TO DESERT ECOLOGY
- NATIVE AMERICAN ISSUES NOT ADDRESSED
- o GEOLOGY AND SOILS:
 - -- SEISMIC ACTIVITIES UNDERESTIMATED
 - -- VOLCANIC ACTIVITIES UNDERESTIMATED
 - -- FLOODING POTENTIAL UNDERESTIMATED
- o WATER RESOURCES:
 - -- POTENTIAL DROUGHT EFFECTS NOT ANALYZED
 - -- GROUNDWATER UNCERTAINTIES NOT IDENTIFIED

DEIS PUBLIC HEARING COMMENTS (cont'd)

- o HEALTH AND SAFETY
 - -- ALARA PRINCIPLE NOT SUFFICIENTLY EXPLAINED
 - -- HEAT RELATED SAFETY ISSUES NOT IDENTIFED
 - -- ACCIDENT ANALYSES NOT BOUNDING
 - -- INSUFFICIENT DESIGN DETAIL CONTAINMENT & CONTROL
 - -- INSUFFICIENT DESIGN DETAIL ETS
 - -- CONTROL ROOM HABITABILITY NOT DEFINED
 - -- INAPPROPRIATE CORRELATIONS TO CHEST X-RAYS
 - -- FALLOUT CONSEQUENCES TO FLORA/FAUNA NOT DISCUSSED

- o HEALTH AND SAFETY (cont'd)
 - -- HYDROGEN SAFETY ISSUES NOT ADEQUATELY ADDRESSED
 - -- HYDROGEN EMBRITTLEMENT ISSUES NOT CONSIDERED
 - -- CONSEQUENCES TO SOUTHERN UTAH NOT SPECIFIED
 - -- METHODS TO CALCULATE EXPOSURE NOT EXPLAINED
 - -- QUANTITY OF REACTOR CORES ON-SITE NOT SPECIFIED
 - -- REQUESTED A DISCUSSION OF MILK MONITORING PROGRAMS
 - -- CLARIFY HAZARDS OF LONG TERM LOW-LEVEL EXPOSURES

DEIS PUBLIC HEARING COMMENTS (cont'd)

- o HEALTH AND SAFETY (cont'd):
 - -- NO-THRESHOLD-LEVEL CONCEPT NOT APPLIED
 - -- INVERSION LAYER EFFECTS ON Be RELEASES NOT DISCUSSED
 - -- BACKGROUND DOSES ARE TOO HIGH
 - -- LACK OF RAIL SYSTEMS NOT IDENTIFIED
 - -- PROGRAM BENEFITS NOT COMPARED TO RISKS
 - -- EFFECTS FROM HIGH VOLTAGE LINES NOT DISCUSSED
 - -- DOE SAR PROCESS INADEQUATE
 - -- 20% NESHAP REPRESENTS SIGNIFICANT INCREASES

- o HEALTH AND SAFETY (cont'd)
 - -- 170 mRem LIMIT NOT EXPLAINED
 - -- CHARTS DO NOT SUPPORT DECREASING DOSE CLAIMS
 - -- 1980 CENSUS DATA USED FOR INEL

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