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PROGRAM PREDICAMENT

- SCHEDULES ISSUED
 - WASTE ACCEPTANCE IN 1998
 - REPOSITORY OPERATIONS IN 2010
- SCHEDULES CONTINGENT ON SITE ACCESS
 - DETAILED SCHEDULES BASED ON 1/91 SITE ACCESS
 - EXPLORATORY SHAFT CONSTRUCTION TO START 11/92
- DATE FOR SITE ACCESS THROUGH LITIGATION UNCERTAIN

NEW APPROACH TO DEVELOPMENT OF MISSION PLAN AMENDMENT

- ARTICULATE PROPOSED PROGRAM POLICIES AND STRATEGIC PRINCIPLES
 - PROGRAM NEEDS A SOLID FRAMEWORK FOR PLANNING AND DECISION-MAKING
 - ESTABLISH UNDERSTANDING OF AND, IF POSSIBLE, CONSENSUS ON POLICIES AND STRATEGIC PRINCIPLES AMONG AFFECTED AND INVOLVED PARTIES
 - REPRESENTS A RENEWED EFFORT TO REACH ACCOMMODATION
- SUBSEQUENTLY, ESTABLISH DETAILS OF PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

POLICIES AND STRATEGIC PRINCIPLES

- **PROVIDE FIRM FRAMEWORK FOR LONG-TERM DECISION-MAKING**
- **GUIDE DEVELOPMENT OF DETAILED PLANS TO SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENT WASTE-MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**
- **PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR MEANINGFUL PREDECISIONAL INVOLVEMENT BY AFFECTED AND INTERESTED PARTIES**

POLICIES AND STRATEGIC PRINCIPLES

- BASIC POLICIES EMBODY THE NEW EMPHASES AND DIRECTIONS INSTITUTED WITHIN THE DOE BY THE SECRETARY, INCLUDING
 - INCREASED EMPHASIS ON SAFETY
 - PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT
 - OPENNESS IN COMMUNICATING WITH THE PUBLIC

- FUNDAMENTAL CATEGORIES COMPRISE STRATEGIC PRINCIPLES
 - MANAGEMENT
 - TECHNICAL
 - INSTITUTIONAL

STRATEGIC PRINCIPLES

THE STRATEGIC PRINCIPLES

- ARE INDISPENSABLE BECAUSE OF THE PROGRAM'S SIZE AND COMPLEXITY, ITS DURATION, AND THE UNPRECEDENTED CHALLENGES IT FACES
- WILL PERMIT DECISIONS TO BE MADE IN A RATIONAL, GOAL-ORIENTED MANNER DIRECTED AT ACHIEVING THE OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAM
- WILL SERVE AS GUIDES FOR THE MORE-DETAILED PLANS AND STUDIES THAT WILL BE NECESSARY TO SUCCESSFULLY ADMINISTER WASTE-MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES
- DEVELOPED WITH THE INTENT TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE OPPORTUNITY FOR MEANINGFUL PREDECISIONAL INVOLVEMENT BY AFFECTED AND INTERESTED PARTIES

PLANS FOR EXTERNAL INTERACTIONS

EXTERNAL INTERACTIONS ON PROPOSED POLICIES AND STRATEGIC PRINCIPLES ARE PLANNED

- WORKSHOPS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF AFFECTED AND INTERESTED PARTIES TO
 - DEMONSTRATE A NEW OPENNESS AT OCRWM
 - IMPROVE THE PRODUCT BY TAPPING OUTSIDE EXPERTISE
 - LAY GROUNDWORK FOR CONSENSUS

DRAFT MISSION PLAN AMENDMENT SCHEDULE

DRAFT "PROGRAM POLICIES AND STRATEGIC PRINCIPLES"

AUGUST

FIRST WORKSHOP ON POLICIES AND STRATEGIC PRINCIPLES

AUGUST

SECOND WORKSHOP ON POLICIES AND STRATEGIC PRINCIPLES

SEPTEMBER

FINAL "PROGRAM POLICIES AND STRATEGIC PRINCIPLES"

DECEMBER

DRAFT MISSION PLAN AMENDMENT

DECEMBER