

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
OFFICE OF CIVILIAN RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT

**NUCLEAR WASTE TECHNICAL REVIEW BOARD
FULL BOARD MEETING**

**SUBJECT: OVERVIEW OF WASTE
CONTAINMENT AND ISOLATION
STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT**

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Background

- **General description of the strategy given in the Program Plan, December 1994**
- **Briefings provided to NWTRB, NRC and ACNW in early FY95 covering strategy elements and linkages to testing program**
- **Feedback from NRC and others pointed to need for written document**

M&O Direction

- **M&O directed to provide more detail in Strategy White Paper**
- **M&O directed to**
 - **Describe elements of strategy and current understanding**
 - **Identify information needed to evaluate the hypotheses in the strategy**

Difficult Management Challenge

- **Time of change in the program**
 - **Changes in standards and regulatory framework**
 - **Focusing of activities**
 - **Reductions in budget**
- **Changes in the program attended by controversy**
- **Provide challenges as new approaches are proposed and debated**

Status

- **M&O delivered draft strategy to DOE on October 10, 1995**
- **DOE has just started formal review to determine if acceptable**
- **DOE review expected to be complete in December 1995**