MICHIGAN RADIOACTIVE WASTE CONTROL COMMITTEE
December 8, 1987
Meeting Minutes
Lansing, Michigan

Committee Members Present:

Beverly D. McAninch, Chairperson
Arnold P. Jacobson, Ph.D.
Kathleen Vakalo
Eugene R. VanHoof

Committee Members Absent:

Theodore J. Bornhorst, Ph.D.
Kathryn R. Kalb
William C. Taylor, Ph.D.

Others Present:

David F. Hales, Michigan Commissioner
Gary Stewart, Detroit Edison
George Bruchmann, MDPH
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Pat Brink, Dow Chemical
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Ms. McAninch called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Review and Approval of Agenda - The agenda was approved as submitted.

Review and Approval of November 12, 1987 Meeting Minutes - The min[ute]s approved after amendment of contrary references to the titles of Dr. [Jacobson] and Mr. VanHoof.

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Other Business - The next meeting of the RWCC was scheduled for January 7, 1988 at 9 a.m.

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3. Public Comment.
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6. Committee Reports.
7. State Reports.
   a. Host State.
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