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BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF TRIP:

The purpose of this meeting was to provide an opportunity for a representative of the Department of Energy (DOE) to explain the DOE's production and use of technical data to representatives of the Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses (CNWRA). The CNWRA has been engaged by the Licensing Support System (LSS) Administrator (LSSA) to resolve ambiguities pertaining to the term "technical data", to identify organizations generating it, to document existing plans for providing access to it, and to prepare a plan for implementing related requirements of the LSS Rule.

SUMMARY OF PERTINENT POINTS:

The CNWRA representatives pointed out that the CNWRA would be briefing the LSS Advisory Review Panel (LSSARP) the following week on the handling of technical data within the LSS. They summarized their findings to date, resulting from prior conversations with the DOE's Yucca Mountain Project Office (YMPO), with a Nevada State representative, and with the NRC. As with the NRC, to avoid confusion, it was agreed to talk in terms of "non-text-searchable material" rather than in terms of "technical data."

The DOE representative clarified that:

1. The DOE does not expect to produce any significant amount of non-text-searchable material at its Washington, D. C. headquarters.
2. Any such material that may be produced or that has been produced in the past at DOE headquarters, when found, will be entered into the LSS using a DOE capture station.

3. The DOE does not anticipate any extraordinary LSS access needs.
4. DOE Headquarters maintains a Records Information System (RIS) that is a software, not data-base, duplicate of the one employed at the YMPO.
5. Details concerning the representation of packaged YMPO technical data within the LSS and the categorization of non-imageable materials must be worked out for the development of access protocols.

IMPRESSIONS/CONCLUSIONS:

This brief conversation helped to clarify some important points.

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED:

None.

PENDING ACTIONS:

The main points above will be included within a briefing that the CNWRA will present to the LSSARP on October 11, 1990.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

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