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SUBJECT: MINUTES OF THE APRIL 27, 2000, MANAGEMENT MEETING

Dear Mr. Brocoun:

Enclosed are the minutes of the April 27, 2000, Management Meeting between the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) concerning progress in DOE's site characterization programs at Yucca Mountain, Nevada. The meeting minutes consist of the meeting minutes summary, agenda, attendance list, and the presentation material noted as enclosures 1, 1A, 2, and 3, respectively.

This meeting was held at NRC Headquarters in Rockville, MD, with participation by video conference at DOE facilities in Las Vegas, NV and Washington, DC, and the Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses in San Antonio, TX.

The meeting resulted in a good exchange of information and views between DOE and NRC. No response to this letter is required. If you have any questions regarding the enclosed meeting minutes, please contact Manny Comar of my staff. He can be reached at (301) 415-6074.

Sincerely,

/RA/

N. King Stablein, Acting Chief
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Enclosures: Summary Highlights
Agenda
Attendance List
Briefing Materials

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ENCLOSURE 1

**Summary Highlights
of
NRC/DOE Management/Quality Assurance Meeting
Hillshire Atrium, Las Vegas, Nevada
NRC T2B3, Rockville MD
DOE Headquarters, Room 7F091
CNWRA San Antonio, Texas
April 27, 2000, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. PDST**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) met on April 27, 2000 to discuss the status of various management and programmatic issues. Major topics included: 1) the April 25-26, 2000 Key Technical Issues (KTIs) Technical Exchange; 2) DOE's progress on Quality Assurance issues; and 3) the scope and objective of the NRC's review of DOE's Site Recommendation Consideration Report (SRCR). The meeting summary includes a brief description of the presentations, the meeting agenda (attachment 1), the attendance list (attachment 2), and a copy of meeting handouts (attachment 3).

Opening Remarks

Mr. John Greeves (NRC) and Mr. Lake Barrett (DOE) opened the meeting by briefly summarizing the April 25-26, 2000 KTI Technical Exchange meeting, which contributed to a better understanding of each agency's programmatic needs. There were no opening remarks by the Affected Units of Local Government (AULG) or other parties.

NRC Program Status

NRC stated that the Yucca Mountain Review Plan (YMRP) embodies a risk-informed, performance-based regulatory approach to reviewing a repository license application. The YMRP represents one means of meeting the regulatory requirements for the High Level Waste (HLW) repository, but NRC will accept alternative approaches with adequate justification.

NRC discussed the KTI closure process and indicated that the goal is to close all sub-issues of the KTIs prior to DOE submitting a License Application (LA). NRC indicated that significant progress was made toward issue resolution in the April 25-26, 2000 Technical Exchange and via the DOE letters recently received by the NRC on the Issue Resolution Status Reports. The closure of the KTI sub-issues depends on early access by NRC staff to the DOE's Analysis & Model Reports (AMRs) and technical data. Although DOE has been routinely providing such early access to preliminary AMRs to the NRC Onsite Representatives(OR), DOE agreed to send preliminary AMRs to NRC Headquarters and other interested parties.

Mr. Bill Reamer (NRC) discussed the need to develop a system for tracking DOE/NRC open items. Mr. Barrett would like the NRC to develop a list of items that are open, closed, and closed pending confirmation. Both NRC and DOE agreed to formalize this process and report every six months on the status of open items.

NRC staff has provided the revised 10 CFR Part 63 to the Commission and is awaiting a Commission decision on its issuance as a final draft rule.

DOE Program Update

DOE indicated that during the past three years, budgetary shortfalls required the Program to prioritize its work scope and appropriately focus on postclosure issues central to a possible site recommendation. The program is currently focused on completion of the SRCR. Although limited, the pre-closure work completed to date is adequate for the SR.

DOE acknowledged the possibility of deferring the final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) into next year.

DOE reported on the status of data qualification for the SRCR and noted that the QA data classification process meets proposed 10 CFR Part 63 requirements for QA.

QA Status and Progress

Mr. Bob Clark (DOE) presented the schedule of the upcoming QA audits: 1) Saturated Zone Flow and Transport PMR audit: June 26 - 30, 2000; 2) Total System Performance Assessment audit: July 10 - 21, 2000; 3) Near Field Environment PMR audit: July 24 - 28, 2000; and 4) Disruptive Events PMR audit August: 21 - 25, 2000

Mr. Clark indicated that over 80% of identified technical and quality related deficiencies have been corrected within 100 days, and he emphasized the significant continuing improvement demonstrated by the fact that only two deficiencies have remained open for over a year. NRC indicated that their confidence level regarding QA has increased as a result of discussions on QA at the April 26, 2000 meeting. NRC encouraged DOE to continue to emphasize the importance of QA.

Yucca Mountain Project Status

DOE stated that after a thorough evaluation of alternatives, its design process has produced a robust design concept that offers a great deal of operational flexibility. The design concept permits adjustments in the period of ventilation the extent of fuel staging, fuel loading into individual waste packages, and in waste package spacing. The current design concept retains the flexibility to be operated in either an above-boiling or below-boiling mode. This design flexibility permits refinement of the operational parameters of the repository as a greater understanding of the uncertainties associated with thermal processes is gained. This design and its operational flexibility effectively balance the concerns with uncertainties in repository performance analyses with other programmatic considerations, such as public and worker safety, intergenerational equity, and cost. As the design concept evolves, the AMRs and Process Model Reports (PMRs) will be updated through interim change notices and will only be revised if substantial changes are made. DOE will also prepare technical update reports to provide access to the current information.

DOE indicated that public comments on the draft EIS will be addressed and appropriate changes incorporated in the final EIS. The final EIS will accompany the SR. NRC requested a list of the 27 categories of comments received by DOE on the draft EIS.

Remarks by Interested Parties

During the discussion on early and timely availability of preliminary information, Mr. Steve Frishman, representing the State of Nevada Nuclear Waste Project Office, indicated that the State understands and acknowledges the sensitivity of using preliminary information and the responsibility that accompanies its use.

During the discussion on proposed 10 CFR Part 63, Ms. Judy Treichel, representing the Nevada Nuclear Waste Task Force, said that the public needs to know the disposition of their comments and needs to know if they were given full consideration. NRC affirmed that all comments were fully considered. A similar conversation was held regarding proposed 10 CFR Part 963 between Ms. Treichel and DOE. DOE indicated that all comments will be fully considered.

Mr. Steve Kraft, Nuclear Energy Institute, commented that DOE and NRC management appear to be in agreement on the objective and scope of the sufficiency review, and he encouraged management to communicate these expectations to their staff. NRC indicated that the NRC staff and management both recognize and acknowledge that the sufficiency review will focus on the extent to which the at-depth site

characterization analyses and the waste form proposal for such site seem to be sufficient for inclusion in any license application.

Summary /Closing Remarks

NRC indicated that they will continue to monitor the results of the upcoming QA audits and look forward to the timely receipt of the AMRs and appropriate associated technical data. DOE expressed its desire to continue to keep the NRC informed and focused on what is necessary for sufficiency.

Mr. Bill Belke (NRC) indicated that DOE had not fully addressed the proposed corrective action to prevent reoccurrence of deficiencies identified under procurement issues. DOE was pleased to report that the performance of the QA metrics has improved significantly and that the goals are being met.

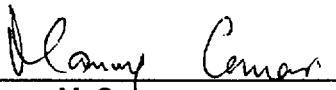
Ms. Treichel expressed a concern that the project is moving forward to meet its schedule and is not listening to the concerns of members of the public who live in the vicinity of Yucca Mountain. Ms. Treichel expressed a concern that what DOE and NRC find sufficient may not be sufficient for the public and that both agencies should be more responsive to the public.

Commitments:


1. DOE will release copies of preliminary AMRs as soon as possible to the NRC, with copies to the State, Counties, and interested parties, as requested
2. DOE and NRC agreed to establish a consolidated list of commitments and open items and develop a process to track which open items are closed, closed pending confirmation, or open. The status of this effort will be reported at future management meetings.

Action Items:

1. DOE will continue to interact with the OR's on Procurement issues.
2. DOE will provide copies of the TRB slides to NRC (Greeves) (Complete)
3. DOE will provide a list of the 27 categories of EIS comments to NRC (Greeves) (Complete)
4. NRC will continue to work with the DOE on the use of the "GoldSim" code.



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ENCLOSURE 1A

NRC/DOE MANAGEMENT/QUALITY ASSURANCE MEETING
Hillshire Blue Room, Las Vegas, Nevada; with video conference to
NRC Headquarters, Rockville, MD., DOE Headquarters, Room 7F091
and CNWRA, San Antonio, Texas
 April 27, 2000, 8:30 AM to 11:45 AM (PDT)

8:30 AM	INTRODUCTIONS John Greeves Lake Barrett	ALL NRC DOE
8:45 AM	NRC Program Status Yucca Mountain Review Plan Sufficiency Review KTI Issue Closure Process Status of Part 63	
9:15 AM	DOE Program Update Schedule and Status of Program /SRCR Plans for Pre Closure Activities	Barrett/Dyer
10:15 AM	Break	ALL
10:30 AM	QA Status and Progress - CAR Status and Audit Update - Metrics	Clark
10:45 AM	Yucca Mountain Project Status Design Update Status of SR/LA Integrated Schedule and PMR/AMR Development	DOE
11:15 AM	Summary Remarks (from April 25-26 Technical Exchange)	NRC/DOE
11:30 AM	Closing Remarks	NRC/ DOE/
11:45 AM	Adjourn	ALL

ENCLOSURE 2

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April 26, 2000 - April 27, 2000
Las Vegas, Nevada

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NRC/DOE MANAGEMENT MEETING
APRIL 27, 2000
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

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ENCLOSURE 3



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Status of Major Project Initiatives

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DOE / NRC Quarterly Management Meeting

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Overview

- **Focus for Remainder of Calendar Year 2000**
- **Status of Data and Software Qualification**
- **Classification of Systems, Structures, and Components (SSCs) and Application to Preclosure Design**
 - QA Classification and Grading Process Status
 - Status of Preclosure Surface Facility Design for SRCR
 - Ongoing Design Activities
- **Path Forward**

Focus for Remainder of Calendar Year 2000

Focus for Remainder of Calendar Year 2000

- **Complete Site Recommendation Consideration Report (SRCR) and supporting technical basis documents**
- **Continue quality initiatives and data and software qualification process**
- **Continue interactions with NRC on technical basis for Site Recommendation (SR) and resolution of Key Technical Issues for License Application (LA)**
- **Complete rulemaking process on proposed site suitability guidelines (10 CFR Part 963)**
- **Continue evolution of design basis for SR**

Focus for Remainder of Calendar Year 2000

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- **Continue preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement and the Comment Response Document**
- **Continue testing and analyses to address key uncertainties for LA**

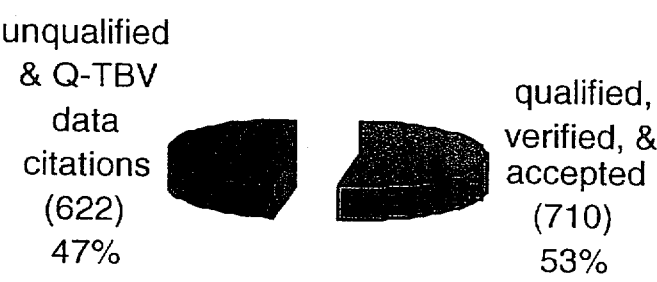


Status of Data and Software Qualification



Data Qualification Status

Data Citations^{*} Qualified as of 4/19/00
total scope = 1332 citations

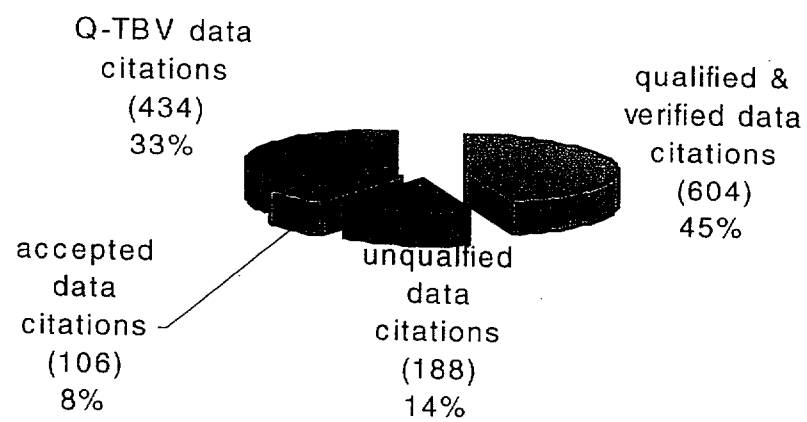


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Data Qualification Status

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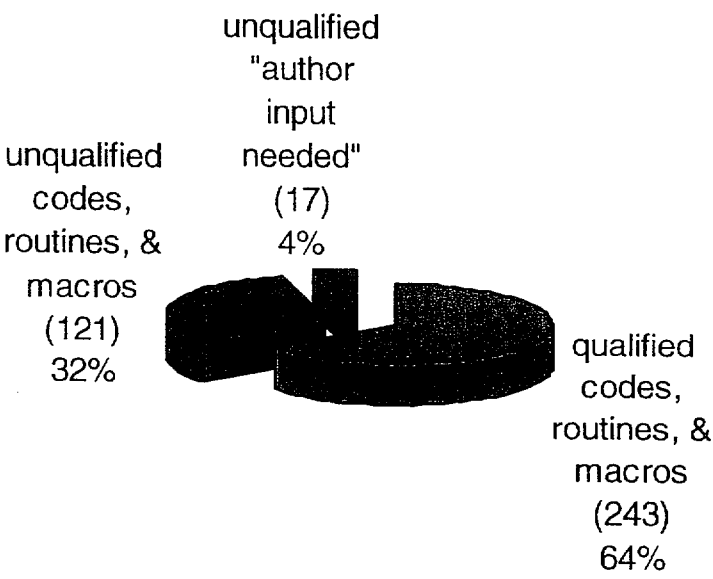
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Note: qualified = 53%

Software Qualification Status

Status as of 4/19/00 = 64% qualified software

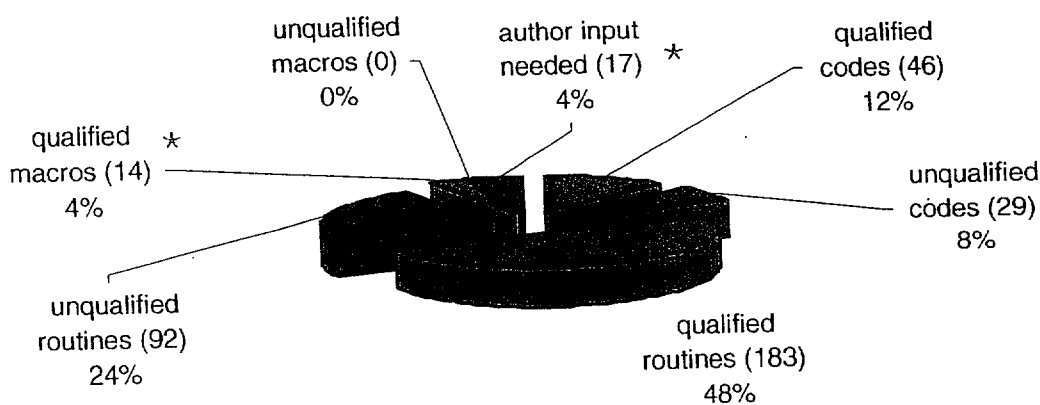


Note: total scope currently includes macros, routines, and pre/post processors

Software Qualification Status

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routines, and pre/post processors



Note: qualified software = 64%

* Percentages rounded by Excel Program



Status of Data and Software Qualification

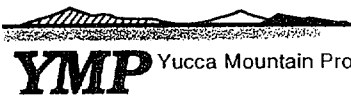
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VL2 (no verification checklists)	207	207	0				
unqualified DTNs	205	30	175				
Accepted Data (Fact)	70	70	0	Qualify	Complete	%	
Accepted Data (AMOPE Approval)	49	36	13	324	136	42%	
Qualified via PVAR	4	4	0				
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Source VL1	550						
Total Data Citations	1332						
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Software Percent of Total	12.1%	7.6%	48.0%	24.1%	3.7%	0.0%	4.5%
		Total Qualified	243				
		Percentage	63.8%				

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Software Percent	12.07%	7.61%	48.03%	24.15%	3.67%	0.00%	4.46%	100.00%

46% of the suspect data reverified
53% of data used as direct inputs
63.8% of the software used



Classification of Systems, Structures and Components and Application to Preclosure Design



QA Classification and Grading Process Status

- **Current design and Site Characterization work done under full QA, without grading**
- **Evaluating NRC inputs from March Technical Exchange and incorporating appropriate program and procedure changes to clarify current program**
 - **Project not currently engaged in procurement or construction of safety items**
- **The Project process uses a mix of probabilistic treatments and engineering judgements that meet proposed Part 63 requirements**

QA Classification and Grading Process Status

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- **Planning future interactions to follow-up with NRC on issues related to development of grading program**
- **Existing YMP QA Classification and Grading Program is adequate for the SR and for LA planning activities**

Status of Preclosure Surface Facility Design for SRCR

- **Current design based on evolution of Viability Assessment, License Application Design Study, and waste stream definition activities**
- **Preclosure safety strategy will be available for SRCR**
- **Conceptual design sufficient for current SRCR needs**



Ongoing Design Activities

- **Engineering studies are being conducted to allow for DOE decisions on**
 - **Onsite SNF storage times/capacity needs**
 - **Dry vs. wet handling and storage methods**
 - **Waste Package sealing and handling design features**
- **Detailed design schedule and planning development for Fiscal Year 2001 for LA in progress**



Path Forward



Path Forward

- **On schedule to complete and release the SRCR and supporting technical basis in late 2000**
- **8 of 9 PMRs have been delivered to DOE for review**
 - Will be available to the NRC for its sufficiency review after DOE acceptance**
- **Project has made substantial progress toward data and software qualification**
- **Level of detail for SSCs for preclosure design will be adequate for SR, but additional development will be necessary and completed by LA**



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QA Status and Progress

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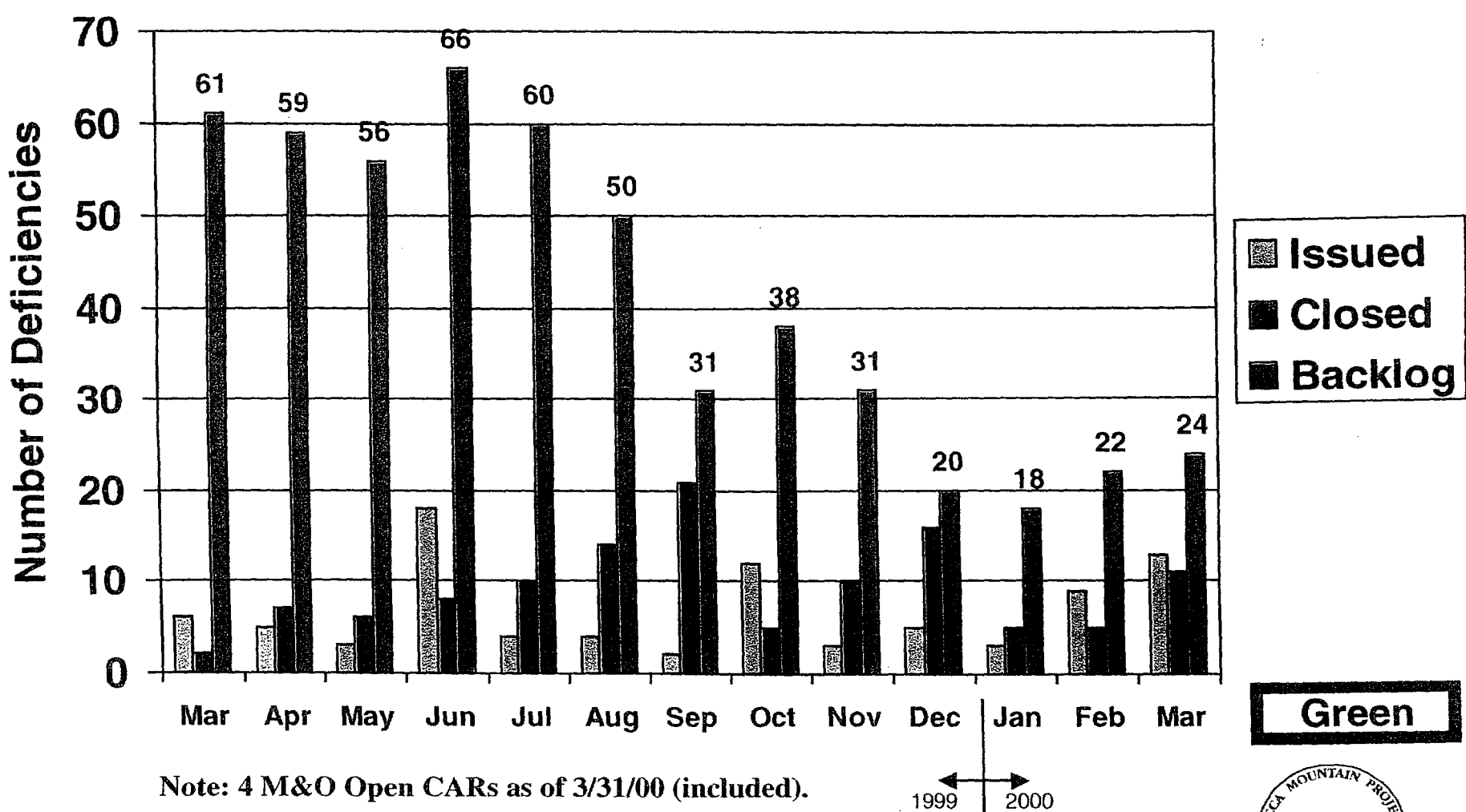
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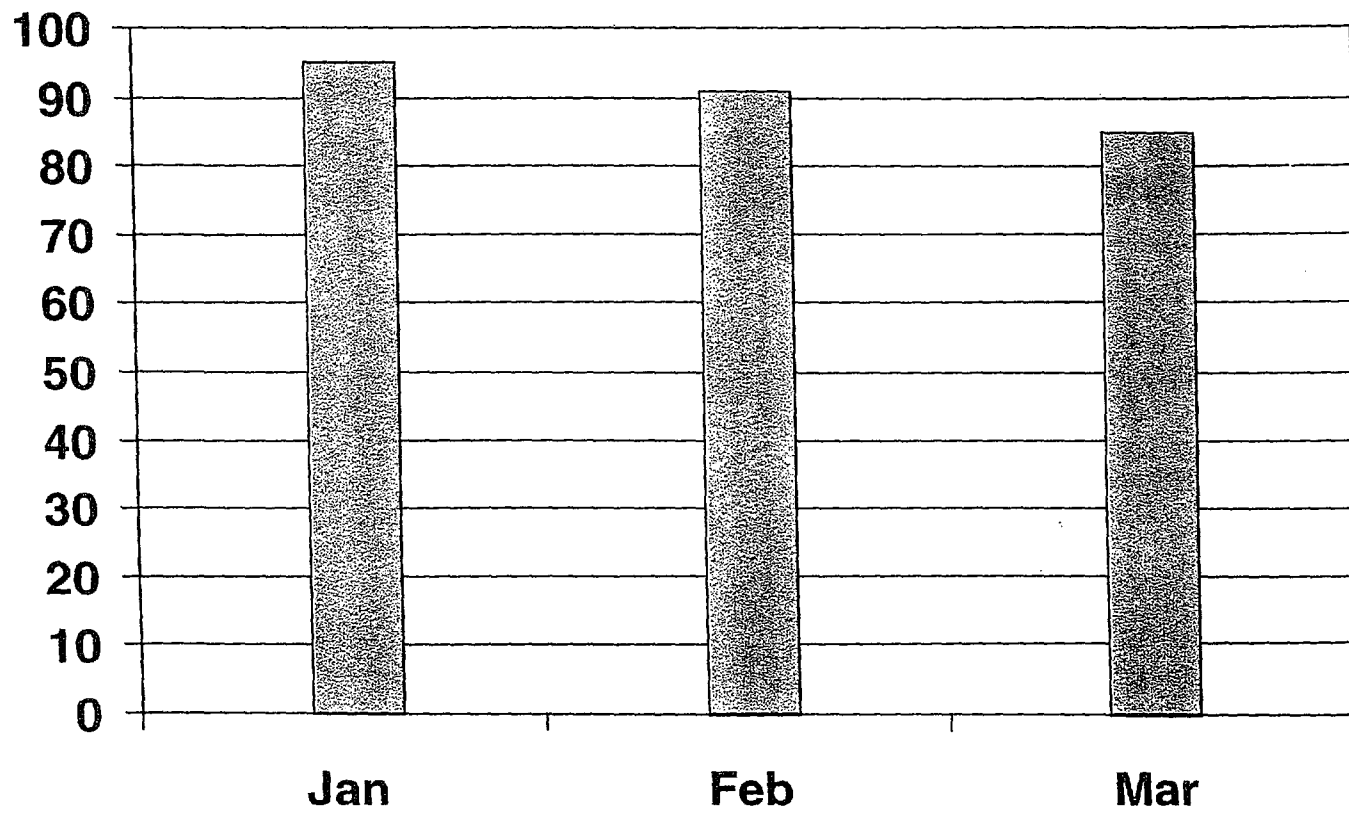
QA Status and Progress

- Metrics
- CAR Status and Audit Progress

Backlog of M&O Deficiencies (Monthly Activity)



Percent of FY00 Deficiencies Closed Within 100 Days (By Month)



Audit Results

- **PMR-related audits were performed during the first half of fiscal year 2000**
 - **Audit scope:**
 - ♦ **audits were designed to evaluate the effectiveness of the implementation of the CAR corrective actions**
 - ♦ **audits were also intended to provide feedback on the quality of the AMR/PMR development process and the technical adequacy of the AMR documents**

Audit Results

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- **Audits indicated improvement in the controls necessary to correct past deficiencies in the areas of:**
 - Traceability
 - Technical data
 - Model development and use
- **Improvement needed in implementation of software procedure**
- **Products were very preliminary, which led to numerous technical recommendations that otherwise may not have been made**

CAR Status

- **CAR LVMO-98-C-002 (Data Defensibility)**
 - **Verification of corrective actions was performed**
 - ♦ **Documentation related to data confirmation checklist and roadmaps -- found to be effective**
 - ♦ **Controls in place for classification/grading of data -- determined to be adequate**
 - ♦ **Procedure for qualification of unqualified data -- found to be effectively implemented**
- **CAR LVMO-98-C-002 has been closed**

CAR Status

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- **CAR LVMO-98-C-006 (Software Control)**
 - Progress has been made; several of the committed to corrective actions were verified by OQA as complete; however, implementation problems with the new procedure continue to exist
 - A new CAR (LVMO-00-C-001) was issued -- limited to ineffective corrective action relative to implementation issues
 - ♦ Four deficiency reports (DRs) issued
 - » software configuration management
 - » use of unqualified software
 - » software not initiated for qualification
 - » failure to document use of routines and macros in accordance with procedure
 - Deficiencies are considered implementation issues only

CAR Status

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- **CAR LVMO-98-C-010 (Models)**
 - Verification of corrective actions was performed
 - Significant progress has been made to establish a program for models and implement the corrective actions
- **CAR LVMO-98-C-010 has been closed**

CAR Status

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- **CAR LVMO-99-C-001 (Data Traceability/Technical Reviews)**
 - **Verification is in progress**
 - **Program established to address the corrective actions**
 - ♦ **The PVAR process was implemented**
 - ♦ **The checking process was strengthened**
 - ♦ **Independent technical reviews were utilized**
 - ♦ **Data traceability verification was performed during the review**
 - **Based on results of the initial AMR/PMR audits, the completed corrective actions have enhanced the AMR/PMR process and are being implemented effectively**
 - ♦ **One action remaining - procedure revision (underway)**



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Site Recommendation Status

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DOE / NRC Quarterly Management Meeting

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Overview

- **Design Update**
- **SRCR Status**
- **Feedback on NRC Presentation to ACNW
Regarding NRC Approach for Sufficiency Review**
- **Upcoming Interactions**
- **EIS Process and Path Forward**
- **Summary**

Design Update

Design Update

Evolution of Repository Design for SRCR

- **Design continues to evolve**
 - Higher thermal output for commercial SNF prompted removal of backfill from base case
 - Other relatively minor modifications to the waste package and repository subsurface layout are under consideration
- **Current design concept offers operational flexibility**
 - Can be operated above boiling after repository closure
 - Can be operated below boiling after closure, with adjustments to operational modes
 - Operational variables include staging of waste before emplacement, waste package spacing and ventilation duration



Design Update

Incorporation of Design Features in TSPA-SR

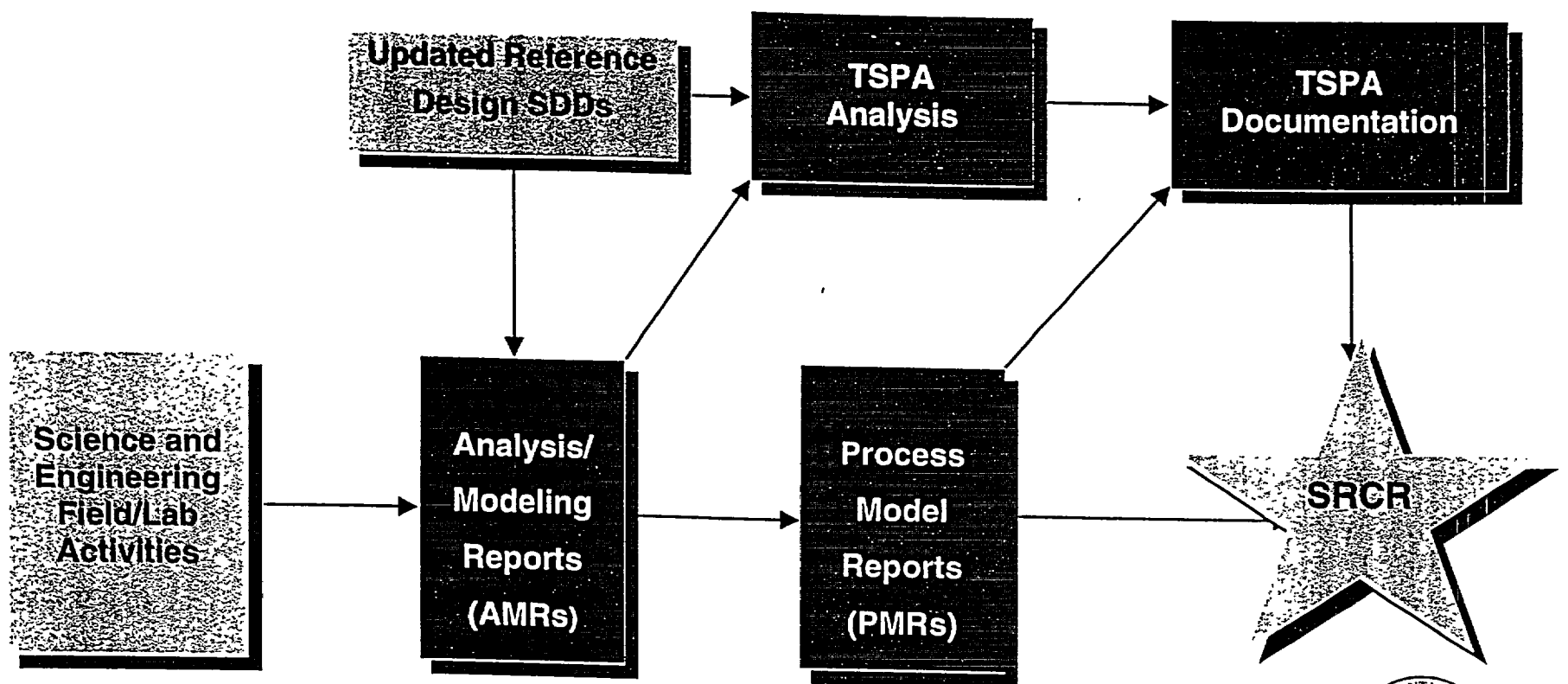
- **TSPA-SR will incorporate the no-backfill design in the base case analyses**
 - Performance with backfill as design option will be examined through sensitivity studies
- **TSPA-SR will address an above-boiling operational mode as the base case**
 - Sensitivity analyses will address the below-boiling operational mode

SRCR Status



SRCR Status

Analyses and Documentation for the Site Recommendation Consideration Report



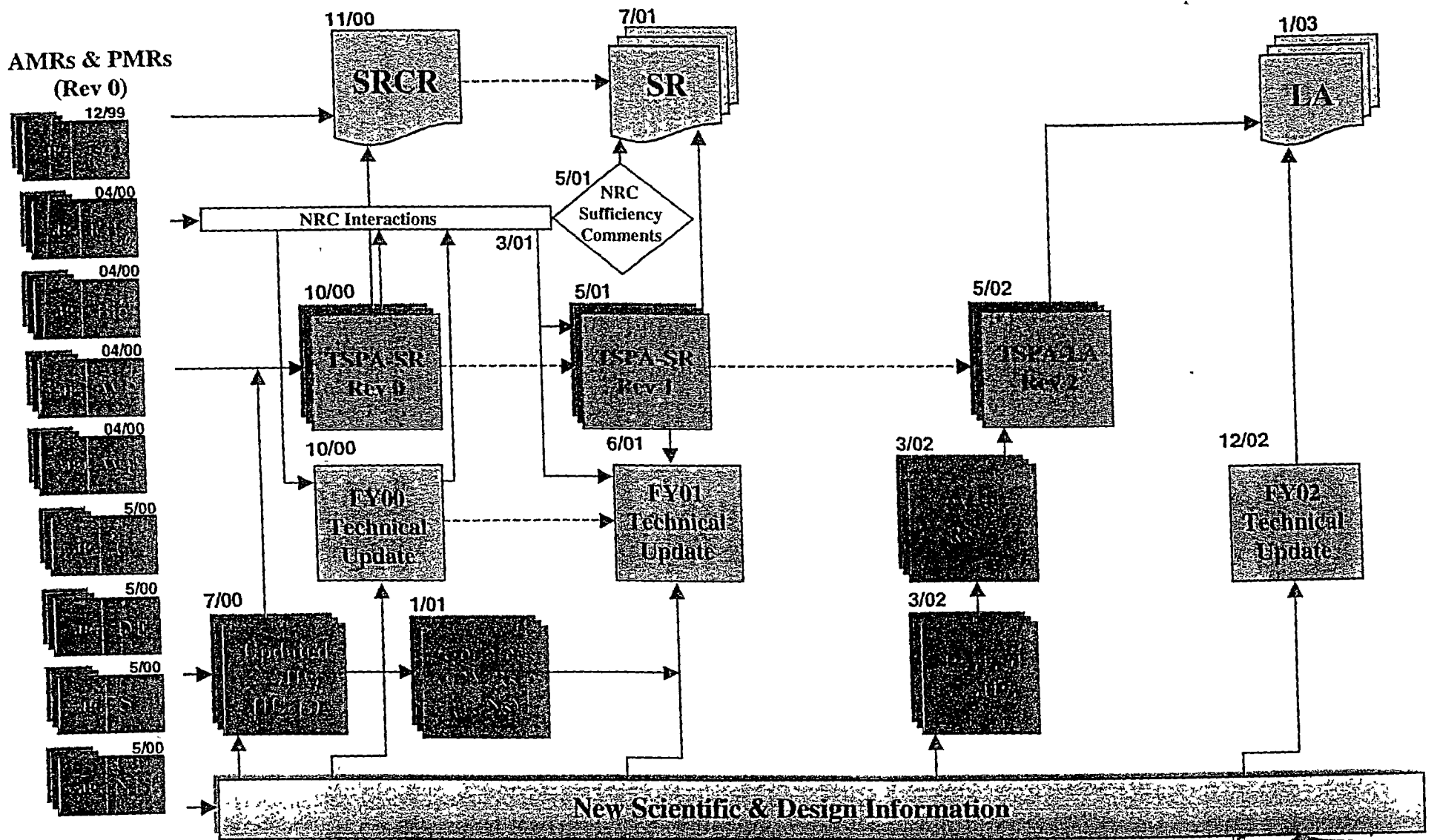
SRCR Status

Revised Approach to Updating Technical Basis for SRCR

- **Rev 0 AMRs and PMRs will be updated through interim change notices (ICNs) to reflect new data and analyses, and design evolution**
 - If substantial changes are made in supporting AMRs that affect TSPA-SR results, affected Rev 0 PMRs may be revised for SR
- **DOE will prepare Technical Update reports to accompany the SRCR and SR**
 - Technical Update reports will provide access to the most current information and an assessment of its relevance to the technical basis for SRCR and SR
- **PMRs and AMRs will be revised as necessary to support the LA**

SRCR Status

Technical Basis Documents



SRCR Status

- **Rev 0 PMR status**
 - 1 PMR (Integrated Site Model) is complete
 - 2 PMRs have been accepted by DOE with conditions
 - 5 PMRs are in DOE review
 - 1 PMR (Disruptive Events) is scheduled for delivery to DOE by the end of April 2000
- **Rev 0 AMR status**
 - 102 of 121 Rev 0 AMRs are complete as of April 26, 2000
 - 26 AMRs will be updated through ICNs to reflect design evolution and provide traceability for TSPA-SR Rev 0; one new AMR will be developed to reflect design evolution

SRCR Status

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- **TSPA-SR Rev 0 to be released October 2000**
 - TSPA-SR Rev 0 will be updated for SR to reflect any changes to supporting AMRs and assure consistency with the technical basis for SR
 - Another iteration of TSPA is planned for LA
- **System Description Documents (SDDs) for SRCR are scheduled to be completed in June 2000**
 - SDDs will be updated and expanded to incorporate greater design detail and additional engineering analyses for the LA
 - Additional SDDs will be developed to support the LA
- **The SRCR is scheduled for public release in late 2000**



SRCR Status

RSS Status and Path Forward

- **RSS Rev 3 completed January 2000 and transmitted to NRC February 3, 2000**
 - Based on preliminary analyses using VA models and enhanced design concept (including backfill) selected in September 1999
 - 7 of 27 factors relevant to postclosure safety case classified as principal factors for waste isolation performance
- **A process is now underway to verify the factors for the design concept as it has evolved, update them as necessary, and finalize the principal factors for the postclosure safety case**
- **Rev 4 of the RSS will provide the technical basis for selecting the principal factors for the postclosure safety case**



SRCR Status

RSS Status and Path Forward (continued)

- **The documented basis for the postclosure safety case presented in RSS Rev 4 should:**
 - **Provide an understanding of the relative importance of the NRC's KTI sub-issues in the context of the principal factors**
 - **Facilitate resolution of KTI sub-issues related to non-principal factors**
 - **Provide a basis to focus DOE-NRC interactions on factors most important to postclosure performance**

Feedback on NRC Presentation to ACNW Regarding NRC Approach for Sufficiency Review

DOE Understanding of NRC Approach

- NRC's sufficiency review will result in a report on DOE progress toward sufficiency of data, design, and analyses for LA; it is not a licensing review
- In its review, NRC will:
 - Consider both current information and DOE's plans
 - Focus on the foundations for the safety case and performance estimates (i.e., data and models)
 - Consider the status of KTI resolution
 - Assess DOE progress toward qualifying data and codes, and validating models for use in licensing
- Sufficiency will be evaluated in context of NRC's risk-informed, performance-based approach to licensing

DOE Understanding of NRC Approach

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- **NRC will provide preliminary comments on:**
 - **Where data and analyses appear sufficient/insufficient**
 - **What additional data or analyses are needed and when they are needed**
 - **Whether conceptual models are supported**
 - **Status of DOE's QA efforts (data, software, models)**
- **NRC will not take a position on DOE's dose calculation or evaluate compliance with 10 CFR Part 963**
- **NRC/DOE prelicensing consultations will continue and focus on issue resolution**



DOE Comments on NRC Approach

- The technical documents supporting the SRCR provide the information necessary for NRC to complete its sufficiency review and meet the intent of the NWPA
 - Consistent with process proposed in DOE letter of November 24, 1999
- NRC comments on the need for additional data or analyses will be considered by DOE in its planning for LA
- DOE efforts to qualify data and software, and validate models focus on completion for LA

DOE Comments on NRC Approach

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- **The Yucca Mountain Review Plan establishes the basis for NRC review of the LA; its role in NRC's sufficiency review is not clear**
- **DOE will continue to interact with NRC to:**
 - **Understand the role of KTIs in the sufficiency review**
 - **Provide an understanding of the relative importance of KTIs in the context of DOE's postclosure safety case**
- **DOE recognizes that NRC must have adequate confidence to make a "preliminary" assessment that the technical basis for SRCR and the work to be completed prior to LA submittal "seems to be sufficient for inclusion in" a LA**

Upcoming Interactions



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- **DOE (November 24, 1999 letter) proposed a series of interactions to discuss information contained in the technical documents supporting SRCR**
 - Focus would be on topics or issues identified by NRC as important to completing its sufficiency comments
 - Provides opportunity to respond to NRC questions or comments
- **Three DOE-NRC interactions planned through June 2000 are responsive to the DOE's proposal:**
 - Appendix 7 meeting on UZ Flow and Transport PMR
 - Appendix 7 meeting on Disruptive Events PMR
 - Technical Exchange on TSPA-SR

Upcoming Interactions

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- **Additional interactions on the technical basis documents for SRCR will be proposed as the documents become available**
- **Other interactions planned through June 2000 deal with topics related to licensing, including:**
 - DOE's Approach to Performance Confirmation
 - DOE's Pre-closure Safety Methodology and Level of Design Detail for LA
 - NRC's Yucca Mountain Review Plan and DOE's Technical Guidance Document for LA Preparation
- **Further interactions on licensing issues will be considered as appropriate**



Upcoming Interactions

Date	Interaction	Topic	Objective	Location	YMP Contact	M&O Contact
Management Related Issues						
04/25-26/00	Technical Exchange	KT1 Approach, Timing for Resolution, and Role in Sufficiency Findings	Establish path forward to resolve KTIs and open issues at SR and to make sufficiency findings.	Las Vegas, NV	Carol Hanlon 4-1324	Mike Scott 5-3016
04/27/00	Management Meeting	Quarterly Management Meeting	Resolve management issues, describe progress in program, discuss management concerns.	Las Vegas, NV	Carol Hanlon 4-1324	Ken Ashe 5-5563 Don Beckman 5-4392
05/31/00	Appendix 7	ISA Level of Design Detail Meeting/Pre-Closure Safety Methodology	Describe approach and establish adequacy of pre-closure safety methodology and LA level of detail.	Las Vegas, NV	Paul Harrington 4-5415 Dave Haught 4-5474	Jack Bess 5-5352
06/20/00	Appendix 7	YM Review Plan & TGD Resolution	Reconcile and reach agreement between parties on TGD and YMRP approach to LA Organization.	Las Vegas, NV	Carol Hanlon 4-1324	Ken Ashe 5-5563
Complete	Technical Exchange	Q Classification Meeting	Demonstrate QA Classification and Grading Program compliance with regulations (including review of prior interactions with NRC).	Rockville, MD	Tim Gunter 4-1343	Ken Ashe 5-5563
November 24: Sufficiency Approach Letter						
05/11-12/00	Appendix 7	UZ Flow and Transport PMR	Explain the Process Model Report, its assumptions, and the model inputs for the TSPA. Identify concerns with implementing the process described. (Exact date to be determined based on document availability date to NRC.)	Berkley, CA	Russ Patterson 4-5469	Martha Pendleton 5-4398
05/22-23/00	Appendix 7	Disruptive Events PMR - Seismic and Igneous Activity	Explain the Process Model Report, its assumptions, and the model inputs for the TSPA. Identify concerns with implementing the process described. Describe DOE's consequence analyses for igneous activity and how they will be incorporated in TSPA. Get feedback on approach.	Las Vegas, NV	Tim Sullivan 4-5589	Terry Crump 5-7476
06/06-07/00	Technical Exchange	TSPA - SR including Methods/Assumptions	Demonstrate progress on TSPA-SR, focusing on changes from TSPA-VA, and emphasizing design and SZ subsystem model changes. Explain assumptions and methods planned for use in TSPA-SR; obtain NRC feedback on approach; establish level of information necessary	San Antonio, TX	Mark Tynan 4-5457	Pete Gaillard 5-5342
Other Meetings						
Complete	Technical Exchange	Criticality Topical	NRC Meeting with public to discuss their Safety Evaluation Report on DOE's disposal criticality topical report.	Rockville, MD	Paige Russell 4-1315	Mike Scott 5-3016
July/2000 (tentative)	Appendix 7	Performance Confirmation Plan	Describe YMP strategy for implementing the Performance Confirmation Plan and obtain NRC feedback.	Las Vegas, NV	Deborah Barr 4-1479	Doug Franks 5-5339



EIS Process and Path Forward

EIS Process

Status of Public Comments

- **Approximately 2288 written documents and hearing transcripts received**
- **To date, 10,640 comments identified in 27 categories**
- **Comment Breakdown**
 - 15% Alternatives
 - 25% Transportation
 - 17% NEPA process
 - 43% Other
- **Comments will be addressed and appropriate changes incorporated in the final EIS**
- **A Comment Response Document will also be a part of the final EIS**



EIS Process and Path Forward

- The SR is scheduled to be completed in July 2001
- The Nuclear Waste Policy Act requires that the final EIS accompany the SR

Summary

- **Primary focus for the remainder of CY 2000 is completion of the SRCR and its technical basis**
- **The SRCR technical basis will be made available to NRC as it is completed and accepted by DOE**
 - **NRC will be advised of any subsequent updates to the technical basis**
- **Future NRC/DOE interactions will focus on the technical basis for a possible site recommendation and providing information to NRC for use in the development of sufficiency comments**



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Saturated Zone Flow and Transport PMR
M&O-ARP-00-10
Scheduled for 06/26-30/00

JULY

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Total System Performance Assessment
M&O-ARP-00-13
Scheduled for 07/10-21/00

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Near Field Environment PRM
M&O-ARP-00-08
Scheduled for 07/24-28/00

AUGUST

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Disruptive Events PMR
M&O-ARP-00-07
Scheduled for 08/21-25/00