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JULY 24, 1997, WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS REPORT

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SUBJECT: WEEKLY REPORT

The following activities are provided as input from the Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Office for the Program Office Weekly Report.

I. MAJOR EVENTS

The first of 40 planned moisture study holes was completed this week in the South Ramp of the Exploratory Studies Facility. The holes are 2-meters deep and are drilled in the non-welded units (Ptn). Core from the holes are analyzed for moisture content. Moisture-sensing instrumentation is installed in the completed boreholes.

II. KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Three tours of Yucca Mountain, Nevada, were coordinated and conducted for 23 guests. These included two tours for the Saturated Zone Expert Elicitation Panel and a tour for the University of California, Santa Barbara. The staff also gave a presentation on geological and engineered barriers, and hydrology and seismology studies at Yucca Mountain to the guests from the University of California, Santa Barbara.

A presentation on privatization, rail access, intermodal transfer locations, and heavy haul routes within Nevada was provided to the Nevada Commission on Nuclear Projects in Las Vegas, Nevada, on July 24, 1997.

III. ISSUES

No items to report.

IV. COST SUMMARY

No items to report.

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