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MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 12, 1990 NRC/DOE MEETING  
ON  
THE QUALITY ASSURANCE WORKSHOP

A meeting was held on April 12, 1990 between the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff and representatives of the United States Department of Energy (DOE) to discuss and agree upon the steps necessary to expedite holding one or more workshops to determine whether perceived Quality Assurance (QA) problems in the high-level waste (HLW) repository program exist. If such problems are found to exist, NRC believes that methods to resolve such problems should also be considered.

Attendees at this meeting representing the NRC staff included: Mark Delligatti, Kenneth Hooks, James Conway, and Tilak Verma. DOE was represented by: Linda Desell, Corinne Macaluso, Robert Clark, and Mohammed Mozumder. The State of Nevada (NV) was informed of this meeting and offered the opportunity to participate via teleconferencing, but declined, asking instead for the NRC staff to provide details of the meeting to the NV QA representative in a phone call.

Since the NRC staff and DOE were in fundamental agreement on the need to hold the workshop which should be sponsored by DOE, with support from the NRC staff, it was primarily a question of the logistics on how to best accomplish it. It was agreed that the most expeditious way to proceed was to recommend to the respective agency managements that a QA Workshop Planning Meeting be held which would be attended by appropriate senior management, of both agencies (including staff of the DOE Yucca Mountain Project Office), the Technical Project Officer's (TPO's) from DOE's private contractors and the national laboratories participating in the program, and NV. While this would be an open meeting, it was agreed that appropriate steps should be taken to ensure that it be stressed that active participation would be primarily from the NRC, DOE and NV participants.

It was suggested that the meeting be held during the week of May 21, 1990 at a location where DOE contractor support was available (Cincinnati, OH or St. Louis, MO).

A suggested agenda for the May meeting was discussed

- I. Opening Remarks/Introduction
- II. Statement of Perceptions NRC has heard on QA Programs  
Discussion
- III. Specific Examples Raised  
Discussion

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## IV. Flexibility of QA Requirements

## V. Discussion of Follow-up Activities

## VI. Closing Remarks

It was agreed that this approach would be discussed with appropriate NRC and DOE management. If management agrees, DOE will take the steps necessary to set up the May meeting. The status of the management considerations was to be discussed in a DOE/NRC/NV teleconference on 4/30/90. However, discussions in the interim made it unnecessary to have the 4/30/90 call.

  
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