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DATE: February 7, 1990

SUBJECT: DOE WEEKLY REPORT

Please find enclosed the above-referenced report received in this office, i.e., for week ending January 26, 1990. There are no items of any particular significance.

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YUCCA MOUNTAIN PROJECT WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE WEEK ENDING JANUARY 26, 1990

I. Critical Item Status

A. Site Characterization Plan (SCP) Progress Reports

The first Yucca Mountain Project Technical Status Report (TSR) has been forwarded to the Office of Scientific and Technical Information in Oakridge, Tennessee, for printing. Distribution of the printed report is tentatively scheduled to take place in late January or early February 1990.

Development of the guidance package to aid project participants in their preparations for the next TSR continued. The guidance package will be distributed in February 1990.

SCP Comments

Responses to socioeconomic, environmental, transportation, and institutional comments have been drafted and are undergoing technical editing and consistency checks. Work also continues on drafting responses to the technical comments. A progressive effort is continuing to sort draft responses that require input from other groups and forwarding them to the appropriate integrator.

Written comments received as a direct or indirect result of the SCP public hearings are being condensed into succinct draft synopses to which responses will be made by the responsible group.

A simplified tracking system is being implemented to monitor the progress and status of all comment responses.

SCP Study Plan Status: January 26, 1990

The Yucca Mountain Project Office (Project Office) continued efforts to complete the approval process and finalize the records package for Study Plan 8.3.1.2.3.1.7, "Reactive Tracer Experiments in the Quells."

The Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM) comment resolution meeting on Study Plan 8.3.1.3.4.1, "Batch Sorption Studies," on January 22, 1990, was postponed. A new date has not been set for this meeting.

STUDY PLAN BREAKDOWN

Project Office Acceptance Review. . .	2
Revision.	0
Project Review.	0
Post-Project Office Revision. . . .	0
Parallel Project Office/HQ Review . .	1
HQ Review (Project Office Review complete)	9
Awaiting comment resolution	5
Post HQ Revision.	5
Project Office/HQ Audit	5
NRC Acceptance Review	6
Revision	0
NRC Start-Work Review	0
Revision	0
NRC Acceptance	2
Total	35

B. Core Sample Management

Tours of the Sample Management Facility (SMF) were given to members of a Swedish Television crew, Channel 13 News, and to five representatives from the Office of the Inspector General.

SMF staff completed the second operational test of Core Gamma-Ray Logger on 200 feet of USW G-4 core.

C. Quality Assurance (QA)

Project surveillance YMP-SR-90-013 was held at the Technical and Management Support Services (T&MSS) facility on January 15-22, 1990. The surveillance examined T&MSS procurement activities and resulted in the identification of four standard deficiency reports and seven observations.

D. Exploratory Shaft Facility (ESF)

Project ESF staff attended the monthly ESF Alternatives Study status meeting held at Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The review of U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board (NWTRB), and the State of Nevada comments for Task Team 4 ESF Alternative Studies was completed.

Project staff participated in the review and discussion of the Los Alamos National Laboratory work scope for the ESF Alternatives Study.

E. Long Range Planning (LRP) and Project Planning and Control System (PACS)

A kick-off meeting was held to begin the LRP Schedule Update process. The next phase in the process will involve issuance of a draft and final LRP update schedule on April 2 and May 7, 1990, respectively.

The Functional Description for the project-level Scheduling System was completed and submitted for development.

A review of the OCRWM Project Management System Manual to ensure compatibility with the PACS System Description was initiated this week.

F. NWTRB Meetings and Interactions

No significant interactions were reported this week.

II. Significant Accomplishments/Information Items

Project institutional staff made arrangements for the opening of the Clark County Yucca Mountain Information Office in Las Vegas, Nevada, on February 17, 1990.

Efforts continued to plan and prepare for the technical exchange (TE) with the NRC on the calcite-silica veins deposit. The TE is scheduled for February 6-7, 1990.

III. Upcoming Events

Please note that the usage of "(P)" in the Upcoming Events calendar indicates that the event is open to the public.

Date	Event	Location	Participant
A. Coordinating Group Meetings			
None.			
B. HQ Meetings			
Thursday, February 22	Program Management meeting	Washington, DC	C. Gertz, Project Office
Wednesday, March 14	Program Management meeting	Las Vegas, NV	C. Gertz, Project Office
Thursday, March 15	Project Review Mtg.	Las Vegas, NV	C. Gertz, Project Office
Thursday, April 26	Program Management meeting	Washington, DC	C. Gertz, Project Office
C. Internal Project and U.S. Department of Energy/Nevada Operations Office meetings			
None.			
D. State and Public Interactions			
Wednesday, February 14	Boulder City Gem Club (P)	Boulder City, NV	T. Bjerstedt, Project Office
Thursday, February 15	American Society for Public Administration (P)	Las Vegas, NV	C. Gertz, Project Office
Saturday, February 17	Opening of Clark County Yucca Mountain Information Office (P)	Las Vegas, NV	A. Robison, Project Office

D. State and Public Interactions (continued)

Monday-Thursday, February 26-March 1	Waste Management '90 (P)	Tucson, AZ	C. Gertz, Project Office
Wednesday, March 14	American Institute of Hydrology Annual Meeting (P)	Las Vegas, NV	C. Gertz, Project Office
Wednesday, March 21	Rochester Museum and Science Center Distinguished Scholars Lecture Series (P)	Rochester, NY	C. Gertz, Project Office
Wednesday, April 25	Presentation to Info '90 sponsored by the Council for Energy Awareness (P)	Dallas, TX	C. Gertz, Project Office
Tuesday-Friday, June 12-15	International Symposium on Unique Underground Structures (P)	Golden, CO	C. Gertz, Project Office

E. Yucca Mountain Project Tabletop Exhibit Showings (P)

No tabletop exhibit showings are scheduled.

F. NRC Interactions

Tuesday-Wednesday, February 6-7	TE on Calcite-Silica Veins Deposit	Las Vegas, NV	J. Dyer, Project Office
Thursday, February 15	QA Meeting	Rockville, MD	D. Horton, Project Office
Tuesday-Wednesday, March 6-7	TE on ESF Geophysical Anomaly TAR	Rockville, MD	D. Dobson, Project Office

G. Other

Wednesday-Thursday, January 31-February 1	NWTRB ESF Alternative Evaluations and Surface-Based Prioritization (P)	Denver, CO	D. Dobson, Project Office

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