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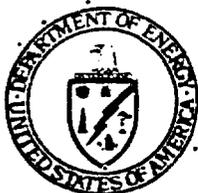
Please find enclosed the above-referenced report received in this office, i.e., for week ending February 9, 1990. There are no items of any particular significance.

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YUCCA MOUNTAIN PROJECT WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 9, 1990

### I. Critical Item Status

#### A. Site Characterization Plan (SCP) Progress Reports

The Yucca Mountain Project Technical Status Report (TSR) has been printed and will be distributed as soon as the U.S. Department of Energy/Headquarters (DOE/HQ) releases their semiannual progress report.

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.

Draft administrative procedure (AP)-2.4, that outlines guidance for participant input to the semiannual progress report on the site characterization program is being prepared for Yucca Mountain Project Office (Project Office) approval.

#### SCP Comments

Comment response packages for environmental, transportation, socioeconomic, and institutional related responses have been submitted to the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management review. The current Project Office schedule calls for the finalized response packages to be ready for distribution in early March 1990.

Draft responses are nearing completion for written comments and for comments generated at the public hearings held last year.

SCP Study Plan Status: February 9, 1990

A Comment Resolution meeting for Study Plan 8.3.1.2.1.2, "Characterization of Runoff and Streamflow," has been tentatively scheduled for the week of February 26, 1990, in Las Vegas, Nevada.

**STUDY PLAN BREAKDOWN**

Project Office Acceptance Review. . .	0
Revision. . . . .	1
Project Review. . . . .	2
Post-Project Office Revision. . . .	0
Parallel Project Office/HQ Review . .	0
HQ Review (Project Office Review complete) . . . . .	10
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
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>36</b>

**B. Core Sample Management**

A full tour of the Sample Management Facility was given to 60 people from the INTRAVAL Conference (International Validation group) being held in Las Vegas, Nevada. The tour group included 45 foreign nationals and other conference attendees.

**C. Quality Assurance (QA)**

A paper prepared by project staff entitled "Contributions of QA to Rock Mechanics and Challenges of Implementation" has been completed and reviewed for presentation at the 31st U.S. Symposium on Rock Mechanics. The symposium will be held on June 18-20, 1990, at the Colorado School of Mines in Golden, Colorado.

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D. Exploratory Shaft Facility (ESF)

Project participants providing support to the Exploratory Shaft Alternatives Studies signed the AP 5.14Q memorandum-of-understanding, thereby satisfying the final prerequisite for initiating quality work related to Subpart G of 10 CFR Part 60.

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

The LRP Schedule Update process was initiated with cleanup activities continuing. Completion of the LRP assessment and actually starting the update were delayed due to activities related to the Work Authorization System 1992 budget exercise. Workaround plans will be instituted in the future to ensure that the May 7, 1990, completion for current LRP activities will be met.

F. Environmental Permitting

Efforts continue to coordinate with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service concerning the desert tortoise biological opinion (BO). The formal BO is expected to be received by February 12, 1990.

G. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board (NWTB) Meetings and Interactions

No significant interactions were reported this week.

II. Significant Accomplishments/Information Items

Project staff attended the technical exchange (TE) with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) on the calcite-silica veins deposit.

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

Preliminary arrangements were made for the upcoming Yucca Mountain Project Public Update meetings. The meetings are scheduled for March 29, April 2, and April 3, 1990, in Fallon, Tonopah, and North Las Vegas, Nevada, respectively.

Project Manager made opening remarks at the INTRAVAL Conference February 5, 1990.

Project Manager gave a project update to the Nye County Commissioners on February 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.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Participant</u>
A. <u>Coordinating Group Meetings</u>			
None.			
B. <u>HQ Meetings</u>			
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 meeting	Las Vegas, NV	C. Gertz, Project Office
Thursday, April 26	Program Management meeting	Washington, DC	C. Gertz, Project Office
C. <u>Internal Project and DOE/Nevada Operations Office meetings</u>			
Thursday, February 22	Senior Management Review - DOE/NV	Las Vegas, NV	C. Gertz, Project Office
Thursday, March 8	Monthly Budget Planning meeting	Las Vegas, NV	C. Gertz, Project Office
Friday, March 9	TPO meeting	Las Vegas, NV	C. Gertz, Project Office
D. <u>State and Public Interactions</u>			
Wednesday, February 14	Boulder City Gem Club (P)	Boulder City, NV	T. Bjerstedt, Project Office

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D. State and Public Interactions (continued)

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
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
Friday, March 23	Dept. of Nuclear Engineering, Univ. of Michigan	Ann Arbor, MI	C. Gertz, Project Office
Thursday, March 29	Public Update Meeting (P)	Fallon, NV	A. Robison, Project Office
Monday, April 2	Public Update Meeting (P)	Tonopah, NV	A. Robison, Project Office
Tuesday, April 3	Public Update Meeting (P)	N. Las Vegas, NV	A. Robison, 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 Sympo- sium on Unique Under- ground Structures (P)	Golden, CO	C. Gertz, Project Office

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E. Yucca Mountain Project Tabletop Exhibit Showings (P)

No tabletop exhibit showings are scheduled.

F. NRC Interactions

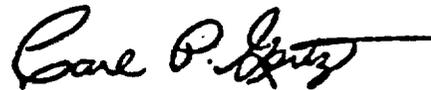
Thursday, February 15	QA Meeting	Rockville, MD	D. Horton, Project Office
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Tuesday- Wednesday, March 6-7	TE on ESF Geophysical Anomaly TAR	Rockville, MD	D. Dobson, Project Office
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Tuesday, March 20	Interactions scheduling meeting	Rockville, MD	D. Dobson, Project Office
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G. Other

Monday- Tuesday, March 19-20	NWTRB meeting on the Effect of Cool Fuel on Repository Design	TBD	D. Dobson, M. Cloninger, Project Office
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