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- Page Changes to Work Breakdown Structure, Index and Dictionary -Annex II to the Project Management Plan dated 3/1/96 and 4/19/96.
- 2. Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Office Weekly Highlights dated 4/5/96.
- 3. Preliminary Draft Report entitled " Coordinated ESF Construction-Phase Testing and Monitoring Program.\*
- Preliminary Draft Report entitled "Systematic Sampling for Chlorine-36 in the Exploratory Studies Facility."
- 5. Map of Selected Test Pits and Preliminary Surficial Deposits Map.

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YUCCA MOUNTAIN SITE CHARACTERIZATION OFFICE WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 5, 1996 (SCPB: N/A)

#### I. FORECAST OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

A. Assistant Manager for Engineering and Field Operations

No significant items to report.

B. Assistant Manager for Scientific Programs

No significant items to report.

C. Assistant Manager for Environment, Safety, and Health

The first quarter, calendar year 1996, Underground Injection Control Permit Quarterly Report will be submitted to the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, in accordance with Yucca Mountain Project Underground Injection Control Permit requirements by April 22, 1996.

D. Assistant Manager for Suitability and Licensing

No significant items to report.

E. Assistant Manager for Administration

No significant items to report.

F. Office of Public Affairs

No significant items to report.

#### II. CRITICAL ITEM STATUS

#### A. Assistant Manager for Engineering and Field Operations

The Tunnel Boring Machine advanced 118 meters to Station 47+86.6 meters or 15,700 feet as of 8 a.m., April 8, 1996. The Tunnel Boring Machine is 1,393.9 meters or 4,573 feet ahead of schedule. In time, this equates to approximately 127 days ahead of schedule. Ground conditions changed from Category 4 to Category 1 during the week. Excavation of the Heater Test Alcove has stopped at 53.3 meters from the centerline of the tunnel while work continues on the Thermal Mechanical Room (excavated in the right rib of the Heater Test Alcove at Station 40.2 meters) which is now in 24.2 meters and is complete. Six core holes have been drilled in the Access/Observation Drift while the excavation of the Thermal Mechanical Room was being excavated.

#### B. Assistant Manager for Scientific Programs

No critical items to report.

C. Assistant Manager for Environment, Safety, and Health

No critical items to report.

D. Assistant Manager for Suitability and Licensing

No critical items to report.

E. Assistant Manager for Administration

· No critical items to report.

F. Office of Public Affairs

No critical items to report.

#### III. GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Assistant Manager for Engineering and Field Operations

No items to report.

\* Asterisks indicates those items we suggest for input to the Secretary's Weekly Report.

#### B. Assistant Manager for Scientific Programs

- Core drilling of instrumentation holes was initiated on April 2, 1996, on the south wall of the Exploratory Studies Facility Thermal Test Access Observation Drift. Nine of thirty-five planned instrumentation holes approximately 20 feet in depth will be drilled at this location for the Thermomechanical Test. The instrumentation holes will be used to collect hydrology, chemistry, and rock properties data, both before and after the heating phase.
- The "Seamist" temporary air pressure monitoring and sampling system was installed in Borehole SD-7 on April 2, 1996, and was operational the following day. This system was first tested and proven successful on Borehole NRG-5 as a substitute for the permanent in-situ pressure monitoring system used in other boreholes to detect passage of the Tunnel Boring Machine. Installation to a depth of 800 feet in SD-7 represents a world record. Approximately 11 stations will be available for monitoring pressure changes and for gas sampling. The two-day installation time for this system is in contrast to approximately two weeks' installation time, plus significant above-ground facility construction costs required for the permanent (grouted) monitoring system.

The non-reactive tracer test at C-Well Complex (first phase of testing) was concluded March 29, 1996, with the shutdown of pumping at Borehole C-3. This portion of the testing is considered a success based on the development of a recovery curve plotted from C-3 data for the sodium iodide tracer injected at C-2 and on a total tracer recovery calculated to be in the 20-25 percent range. Water level recovery continues to be monitored in the three boreholes while equipment is being setup to reconfigure the boreholes. The reconfiguration is for the next phase of testing that will investigate reactive tracer movement. This phase of testing will begin near May 1, 1996, and will also include use of microspheres to simulate colloid movement between C-1 and C-3.

Asterisks indicates those items we suggest for input to the Secretary's Weekly Report After 55 hours, pumping was terminated at Borehole G-2 on February 8,1996. Fluid level recovery has been continuously monitored to confirm drawdown test information, determine if any perched water could be discerned, and allow the aquifer to completely recover prior to further testing. As of March 26, 1996 (49 days of recovery), the fluid level had fully recovered to its pretest level. Test data do not appear to be conclusive; consequently, a longer term pump test (10+ days) is scheduled to begin April 8, 1996, to further test the same test interval. This longer test should allow investigators to "see" farther from the borehole to investigate potential boundaries that could indicate limited aquifer (perched water) effects and, therefore, influence interpretation of the large hydraulic gradient.

#### C. Assistant Manager for Environment, Safety, and Health

A permit modification to the Underground Injection Control Permit was received from the State of Nevada, Division of Environmental Protection. This modification provides approval for additional tracers for the C-Well complex testing program.

Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act Section 311 Report was submitted to the State Emergency Response Commission, the local Emergency Planning Committee, and the Nye County Fire Department. The Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act Section 311 Report gives the status of Yucca Mountain Project toxic and extremely hazardous substances.

Environmental compliance and safety surveillances were conducted at the Yucca Mountain site, ensuring compliance with permit and programmatic requirements.

#### D. Assistant Manager for Suitability and Licensing

No items to report.

#### E. Assistant Manager for Administration

No items to report.

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#### F. Office of Public Affairs

The staff met with Eureka and White Pine County officials to discuss future interactions between those counties and the U.S. Department of Energy. Information collected at these meetings will be incorporated into the Affected Units of Government Interaction Plan.

#### G. Participants

<u>Civilian Radioactive Waste Management System Management</u> and Operating Contractor

A Technical Integration Group was formed. The Technical Integration Group was composed of the Civilian Radioactive Waste Management System Management & Operating Contractors (Las Vegas and Vienna), Nevada Operations Managers, and a representative from each of the national laboratories, and the U.S. Geological Survey. The group will be chaired by the Civilian Radioactive Waste Management System, Management & Operating Contractor's Deputy of Technical Programs. The group will address and resolve technical integration issues such as those pointed out by Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Office with regard to the development and review of the Repository Advanced Conceptual Design.

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