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**PROJECT POLICY FOR WORK UNDER STUDIES THAT DO NOT HAVE APPROVED STUDY PLANS**  
 (SCP: N/A)

The policy of the Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Project Office (YMPO) is that study plans are the Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Project documents that satisfy the requirement for planning scientific investigations in the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management Quality Assurance Requirements Description (QARD) for those studies identified in the Site Characterization Plan (SCP). A total of 104 study plans have been assigned to cover the 106 SCP studies and, of these, 64 have been submitted to YMPO for technical review. Many of the 40 study plans that have not been written or submitted to YMPO are "outyear" studies, such as analysis and synthesis of data collected by other studies, and they are not presently being funded. However, some studies are presently being funded for work that is being accomplished without the benefit of an approved study plan.

Scientific Investigation Plans, Experiment Plans, and similar planning documents may be used by participants to augment the information found in study plans. For those studies not requiring a study plan, these other planning documents may be used to satisfy QARD requirements for scientific investigation planning documents. YMPO understands that much of the work currently being conducted without an approved study plan is preparatory in nature, i.e., scoping or feasibility studies. YMPO is increasingly concerned about the status of such work and has determined that no funding for these studies will continue after fiscal year 1994 without approved study plans. YMPO believes that all scoping, feasibility, prototype, etc. work that may be required to fully implement a study should be described in Revision 0 of the study plan. The study plan can be revised at a later date, as necessary, to incorporate information developed as the study matures. For outyear studies, the first funding priority is to develop the required study plan for YMPO review and approval.

Please be advised that the review and approval of study plans is a process that takes at least six to eight months. In order to ensure continued funding, study plans for currently funded work must be at YMPO by January 1994. Please plan the work schedule of all impacted principal investigators so that time is available to write the necessary study plans and to complete technical and quality assurance reviews within your organization before they are submitted to YMPO.

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