

COMMENTS ON REVISED TP SCOPE

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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON REVISED SCOPE FOR TECHNICAL POSITION ON REPOSITORY
DESIGN -THERMAL LOADS

My staff has reviewed the revised scope for the Technical Position (TP) on Repository Design - Thermal Loads attached to your memorandum dated December 22, 1989. We have found that the scope clearly presents the subject and accurately discusses what the uncertainties are and how they will be resolved. However, we have found that the revised scope does not completely respond to our concerns regarding the need to support why the technical uncertainties identified should be addressed by a TP. These concerns were previously provided to you in my note dated September 29, 1989 regarding the previous scope.

Since we recognize that technical work is needed in the area of thermal loads and that it has potential to be very controversial, and since the scope is technically sound, we are recommending that the staff pursue further development of the TP.

Please direct any questions regarding this matter to Brian Thomas of my staff. He can be reached on extension 20435.

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