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MEMORANDUM TO: HLWM STAFF

FROM: Robert E. Browning, Director
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SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF START OF SITE CHARACTERIZATION
PLAN (SCP) REVIEW

The NRC received DOE's SCP on December 28, 1988. Other materials received from DOE include: (1) most of the SCP supporting references; (2) Responses to NRC Point Papers on Site Characterization Plan/Consultation Draft; (3) SCP Overview; and (4) SCP Public Handbook. Among the items still to be received are: (1) Design Acceptability Analysis (DAA); and (2) five study plans concerning exploratory shaft facility (ESF) construction-phase testing.

The NRC staff review of the SCP officially began on January 3, 1989 and is scheduled to take seven months, culminating in issuance of the Site Characterization Analysis (SCA) on July 28, 1989. The schedule of the major SCP review activities leading to issuance of the SCA is presented in Attachment 1. This schedule is predicated upon completion of the NRC acceptance review of the SCP by the end of January and a determination that the SCP is acceptable for NRC staff technical review. If key documents such as the DAA have not been provided to NRC in time to complete the acceptance review by the end of January, the entire review schedule could be affected, and the issuance of the SCA could be delayed. Any changes to the review schedule shown in Attachment 1, as well as more details of the schedule for steps in each activity, will be communicated in the weekly Yucca Mountain Project (YMP) team meetings.

for **Robert E. Browning, Director**
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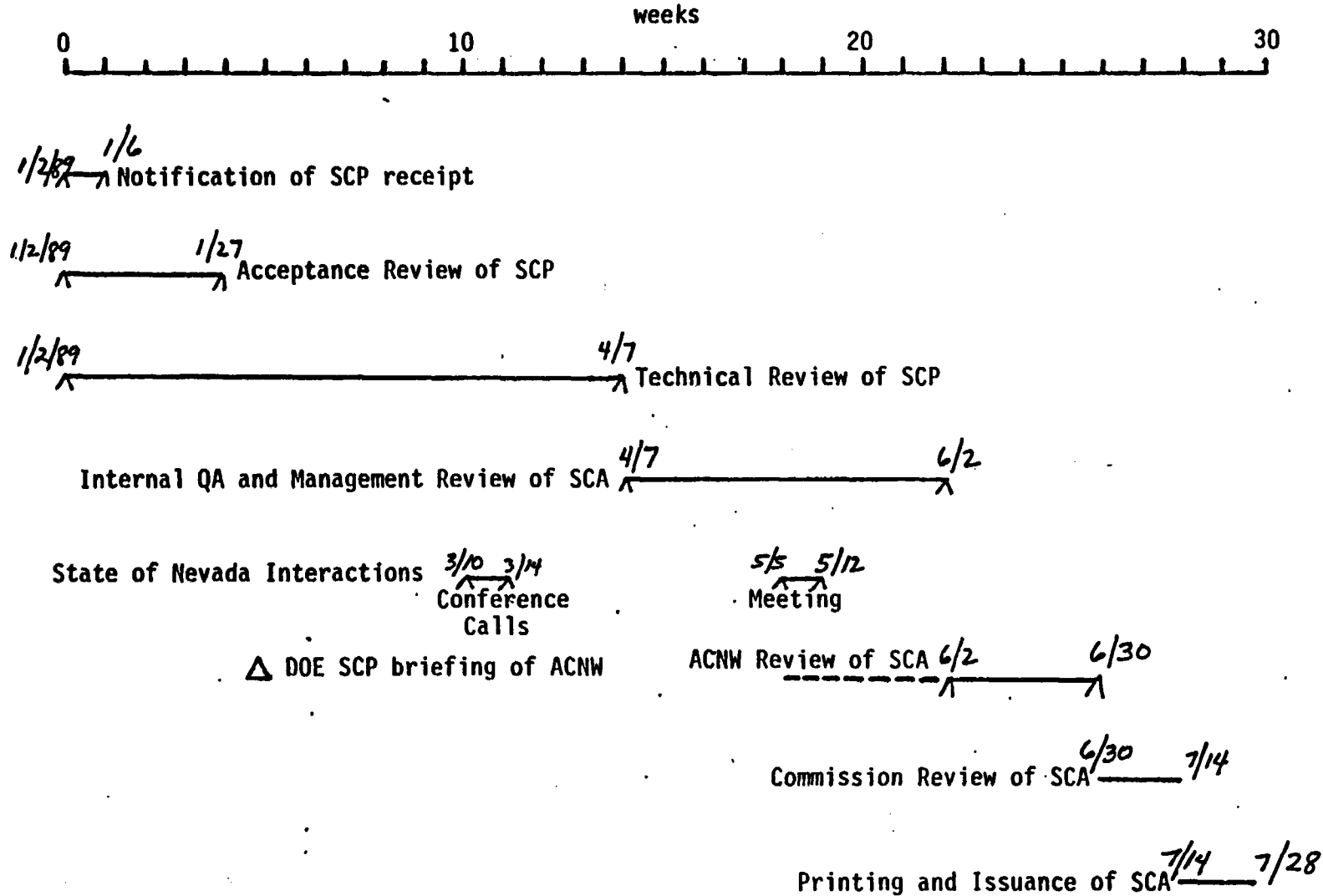
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FIGURE 1 - SCHEDULE OF MAJOR SCP REVIEW ACTIVITIES*



*Based on a 7 month or 30 week review period from the receipt of an SCP and references accepted for review. If receipt of references (e.g. Design Acceptability Analysis) is delayed, there will be a corresponding delay in the review and SCA issuance.