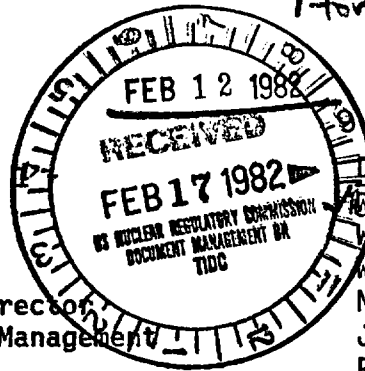


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SUBJECT: NRC STAFF REVIEW OF DOE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

Attached is the completed letter report on DOE's Performance Assessment Program which fulfills the Operating Plan Commitment due February 15, 1982, (PPSAS #31312.)

Highlights of issues discussed in the report include:

- DOE has not yet decided which codes will be used in the performance assessment of each site, and which modeling groups will have PA responsibilities.
- Many ONWI studies use figures of merit different from those found in EPA/NRC standards.
- It appears that the AEGIS and SCEPTER PA programs may not be available in time for site characterization studies at any of the sites.
- The AEGIS and SCEPTER programs have been focusing on research and code integration instead of code application.
- Coordination between the various modeling groups at the Hanford site must improve.
- DOE has not yet decided whether the NTS siting will be in the saturated or unsaturated zone. Unsaturated flow modeling capabilities have not been incorporated into the DOE program.

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