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MEMORANDUM FOR: Robert E. Browning, Director
Division of Waste Management

FROM: F. Robert Cook, Senior On-Site Licensing Representative
Basalt Waste Isolation Project (BWIP)

SUBJECT: BWIP SITE REPORT FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19, 1984

1. RHO recently met with the Staff of the Washington Department of Ecology and representatives of Golder Associates and reviewed plans for BWIP hydrologic testing. RHO considers the plans were favorably received.

The involvement of Golder Associates with the state, with DOE and with NRC, all on issues related to hydrologic questions, would appear to present a potential conflict of interest. This issue has remained unresolved for some time. I would recommend discontinuing our involvement with Golder.

2. Previously I reported new problems in getting records pertinent to NRC's role in overseeing and commenting on DOE's design activities, including research and development, and other activities of site characterization. On February 17, 1984 I met with RHO (Ash) and DOE (Mecca) and we briefly discussed my involvement and access to RHO project records. Ash requested the DOE (Mecca) provide written instructions to define what access to records they should allow to me. Mecca told Ash I should have access to review all pertinent records and he invited me to help draft instructions for RHO. He noted that he had discussed the matter with Anttonen and that was DOE's position.

I discussed the request to participate in formulating the instructions for RHO with Miller and Coplan. I provided Mecca a copy of the wording I had suggested to Coplan earlier this month for the detailed NRC/DOE site agreements supplementing the Morgan/Davis agreement. I am awaiting DOE actions which Mecca assures me are coming soon.

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