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DISTRIBUTION OF SITE CHARACTERIZATION PLAN/CONSULTATION DRAFT

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is developing an SCP for the Yucca Mountain site in Nevada. As part of this development process, a Consultation Draft of the SCP was issued on January 8, 1988, and was being distributed under separate cover. Since installation of printing of the SCP/CD for the Yucca Mountain site, the Congress has enacted legislation that changes the process for siting the nation's first geologic repository. The Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987 (NWPAA), signed by the President on December 22, 1987, directs the DOE to characterize the Yucca Mountain site in the State of Nevada and to terminate site-specific activities for the Hanford site in the State of Washington and the Deaf Smith County site in the State of Texas.

As a result of these changes in the repository siting process, the SCP/CD and Overview contain some statements about site selection that are based on characterizing three sites. However, the DOE does not expect the changes in the siting process, as specified in the NWPAA, to affect the plans for site characterization activities that are described in the SCP/CD. The Yucca Mountain site will remain subject to previously established regulatory requirements, and the objectives of site characterization will remain the same.

This Consultation Draft will be discussed with the State of Nevada and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in workshops in February and March of 1988. At the conclusion of the consultation process, the SCP for the Yucca Mountain site will be issued formally for public review and comment, as required by the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982.

Should you have any questions regarding the Consultation Draft for the Yucca Mountain site, please contact Donald H. Alexander of DOE/Headquarters at (202) 586-1238 or me at (702) 295-8920.

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