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FROM: Paul T. Prestholt, Sr. On-Site Licensing Representative
DATE: August 18, 1988
SUBJECT: DOE WEEKLY REPORT

Please find enclosed the above-referenced report received in this office, i.e., for week ending August 12, 1988. There is nothing special to note.

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NEVADA NUCLEAR WASTE STORAGE INVESTIGATIONS (NNWSI) PROJECT WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING August 12, 1988

I. Critical Items Status

A. Site Characterization Plan (SCP)

Comment Resolution workshops with the U.S. Department of Energy/ Headquarters (DOE/HQ) reviewers were initiated this week in Las Vegas, Nevada. Workshops for Chapter 7 and Sections 8.3.4, 8.3.5.9, and 8.3.5.10 of the SCP were held on Tuesday. Workshops for Chapter 6 and Sections 8.3.2, 8.3.5.1 through 8.3.5.5, 8.3.3, and 8.3.5.11 were held Thursday.

Working Group (WG) 3 continued working on mark-ups of Section 8.3.1.4 of the SCP Consultation Draft to reflect Comment Response Forms. WG 7 continued working on revisions to SCP Section 8.4. It is presently anticipated that draft text for Section 8.4 will be submitted to the Integration Group (IG) for review by August 15.

Twelve draft Study Plans are currently in review. One Study Plan is undergoing revision by the participant. Six Study Plans have been submitted to DOE/HQ for review and three Study Plans have been submitted to DOE/HQ for approval. Two Study Plans are in review at the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC): (1) Excavation Investigations, Study 8.3.1.15.1.5; and, (2) Water Movement Tracer Tests Using Chloride and Chlorine-36 Measurements of Percolation at Yucca Mountain, Study 8.3.1.2.2.2.

DOE/HQ reviews of the three most recent Study Plans submitted to DOE/HQ as well as reviews of all future Study Plans will be on hold until DOE/HQ procedures for Study Plan review are finalized.

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The present status of Study Plans is as follows:

Quality Check	0
Project Review	0
Participant Revisions	1
Parallel FO & DOE/HQ Review	0
DOE/HQ Pending	3
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Comment Resolution Check	0
DOE/HQ Approval Pending	3
NRC Review	<u>2</u>
Total	12

B. Core Sample Management

The inventory of samples in the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Core Library is continuing. The totals as of August 8 consist of 96 boreholes with 59 boxes of cuttings, 240 pieces of core sealed in PVC pipe, 2,180 boxes of core, 87 waxed samples of core, and 54 miscellaneous samples.

C. Quality Assurance (QA)

On Monday, QA personnel attended the Title I Design Review held in Henderson, Nevada. QA reviewed the drawings and specifications by Fenix & Scisson, Inc., (F&S) and Holmes & Narver, Inc., (H&N) for the Title I Design Phase of the Exploratory Shaft Facility (ESF).

The Audit of Sandia National Laboratories (SNL) was completed on Wednesday. The audit resulted in 14 Standard Deficiency Reports (SDR), 16 observations, and 13 recommendations. There were no level I SDRs.

Preparation for the Reynolds Electrical and Engineering Company (REECO) audit is continuing, and preparation was initiated for the Los Alamos National Laboratory audit to be conducted in October.

II. Significant Accomplishments/Information Item

A Title I Design Review was held in Henderson, Nevada, on Monday. Presentations were made by representatives from F&S and H&N on designs for the ESF. After the presentations, attendees formed workshop groups to discuss the designs.

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Carl Gertz, Project Manager, Waste Management Project Office (WMPO), made a presentation about the project at a Pahrump town meeting on Tuesday.

The Approved Funding Program request was transmitted to DOE/HQ on Tuesday.

The following Milestones have been submitted to WMPO by Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC):

1. P756, "Socioeconomic Monitoring Program Progress Report"
2. T267, "Exploratory Shaft Facility (ESF) Title I 50 Percent Design Review Report"

Submitted to WMPO by SNL:

1. R094, "Annual Report on the NNWSI Reference Information Base"

III. Upcoming Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
<u>A. Coordinating Group Meetings</u>			
None to report.			
<u>B. HQ Meetings</u>			
Thursday, August 18	Project Management meeting	Washington, D.C.	V. Davis, WMPO
<u>C. Internal Project and DOE/Nevada Operations Office (NV) Meetings</u>			
Tuesday, August 16	Long-Range Planning Exercise meeting	Las Vegas, NV	V. Iorii, WMPO
Wednesday- Thursday, August 31- September 1	Project Managers- Technical Project Officers meeting	Las Vegas, NV	J. Fiore, SAIC
Tuesday, August 25	ESF Interface Control Working Group meeting	Las Vegas, NV	D. Irby, WMPO
Wednesday, September 7	Sample Overview Committee meeting	Las Vegas, NV	U. Clanton, WMPO

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D. State and Public Interaction

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Tuesday, August 16	Project Manager speaks at Caliente Public meeting	Caliente, NV	V. Davis, WMPO
Thursday, August 25	Project Manager escorts Nevada Legis- lative Committee on High-Level Radio- active Waste on tour of Idaho National Engineering Lab Transportation Studies	Idaho Falls, ID	V. Davis,
Friday, August 26	Project Manager gives presentation to Southern Nevada chapter of the Retired Officers Association	Las Vegas, NV	V. Davis, WMPO
Thursday, September 8	Project manager gives presentation to West Charleston Lions Club	Las Vegas, NV	V. Davis, WMPO

E. U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Interaction

Tuesday, September 20	Project Manager gives tour of test site to NRC Commis- sioner Carr	Las Vegas, NV	V. Davis, WMPO
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F. Other

None to report.



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