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DATE: April 11, 1986  
SUBJECT: DOE Weekly Report

Attached please find the above-referenced report received in this office on April 10, 1986.

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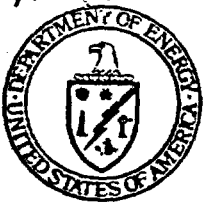
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W. J. Purcell, Director, Office of Geologic Repositories, DOE/HQ (RW-20), FORS  
NEVADA NUCLEAR WASTE STORAGE INVESTIGATIONS (NNWSI) PROJECT WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS  
FOR THE WEEK ENDING MARCH 20, 1986

### I. Project Managers Concerns

The following concerns have been reported previously on Weekly Highlights reports.

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>First Report Date</u>
1. Letter to Barrett dated December 24 requested which states are prepared to work in cooperative mode (informal agreement) with Transportation Department; also requested language that could be used in grant to the State in the area of transportation. (86-450)	Due January 13, 1986 Open. Philpott to call WMPO.	12/26/85
2. Letter to Stein dated December 18 requests that QA SOP-03-02 (Software Quality Assurance) be reviewed and approved for discussion at the January 14-15 QA Software Meeting in Las Vegas. (86-437)	Due January 14, 1986 Open. OGR is reviewing as of 2/19.	12/26/85
3. Request for Benson to define when site characterization phase actually begins. (86-517)	Due January 13, 1986 Awaiting memo from DOE/HQ confirming telecon with Benson.	01/15/86
4. Letter dated January 22 to Knight requests schedule for development of Office of Geologic Repositories (OGR) licensing information system. (86-585)	Due February 12. Open. HQ reviewing as of 2/19.	01/30/86

5. Letter to Purcell dated January 27 requests OGR approval of NNWSI Project QA Plan (NVO-196-17, Rev. 4). (86-604) Due February 17. Open. Being reviewed as of 2/19. 01/30/86
6. Letter to Frei and Stein dated February 13 asks for guidance on how to address the difference between the NRC definition of the "engineered barrier" and the Program's baseline position. (86-714) Due March 6. 2/20/86
7. Letter to Knight dated February 13 requests clarification of proposed time frame for NRC Audit of WMPO before initiating site characterization; is it tied to a specific NWPA event? (86-715) Due March 6. 2/20/86
8. Letter to Knight dated February 18 requests a copy of the draft policy on validating data. (86-749) Due March 11. 2/20/86
9. Letter to Stein dated February 20 requests that Project be permitted to submit alternate ESF Concept as the reference case for budget validation. This concept was presented at budget meetings on January 31. (86-762) Due March 13. 2/27/86
10. Letter to Knight dated March 25 requests HQ help in obtaining available NRC information regarding criteria, restrictions, and analyses relating to over-flight of licensed facilities by aircraft (86-958.) Due May 6 3/27/86

## II. Significant Accomplishments/Information Items

The Environmental Assessment (EA) reference entitled "Tectonic Stability and Expected Ground Motion at Yucca Mountain; Report of a Workshop at SAIC-La Jolla August 7-8, 1984 and January 25-26, 1985," dated December 1985 was sent to the Waste Management Project Office (WMPO) for policy review and approval on March 31.

Final concurrence comments were received from the Office of Geologic Repositories (OGR) on April 2 via telefax. An initial review indicates that many of the 29 pages of comments may result in major rewrites to the Project's camera-ready EA, which will impact the Site Characterization Plan (SCP) schedule. In addition, the Performance Allocation workshop that had been scheduled for April 3 at Sandia to address issues 1.17, 1.18, 2.8, and 4.10 was cancelled because of the EA comments. Further impact on these workshops is anticipated if all of the comments result in revisions to text.

SAIC is providing on-site support to help the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) develop remedial action on the Stop Work Order. The support will continue through next week. The USGS indicated that remedial action may be slowed down due to the commitment of resources required to prepare input for the Work Package Proposal Authorization System (WPAS).

Copies of the OGR QA Supplements numbered 1 through 9 were received for review and comment and have been distributed to participating organizations for their input.

## IV. Upcoming Events

### 1. Coordination Group Meetings

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
1.	Tuesday-Wednesday, April 15-16	Repository Coordination Group	Washington, D.C.	L. Skousen, WMPO
2.	Monday-Tuesday, April 21-22	Repository Coordination Group	Washington, D.C.	L. Skousen, WMPO
3.	Tuesday-Thursday, April 22-24	Quality Assurance Coordination Group	Las Vegas NV	J. Blaylock, WMPO
2. <u>HQ Meetings</u>				
1.	Wednesday, April 9	SCP Chapter 5 Review	Washington, D.C.	M. Blanchard, WMPO
2.	Thursday, April 10	SCP Chapter 7 Review	Washington, D.C.	M. Blanchard, WMPO

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3. Thursday-Friday April 17-18	First Repository States Meeting	Albuquerque	B. West, WMPO
4. Friday, April 18	Program Manager's Meeting	Albuquerque	B. West, WMPO
<b>3. <u>Internal Project and DOE/NV Meetings</u></b>			
1. Tuesday, April 8	SOC Meeting	Mercury	U. Clanton, WMPO
2. Tuesday, April 8	Performance Allocation Workshop (Iss. 1.10)	Albuquerque	M. Blanchard WMPO
3. Tuesday, April 15	Performance Allocation Workshop (Iss. 1.9, 1.13, 1.14)	Livermore, California	M. Blanchard WMPO
4. Tuesday, April 15	DOE/NV Manager's Meeting	Las Vegas	B. West, WMPO
5. Thursday, April 17	Performance Allocation Workshop (Iss. 1.12, 1.16)	Albuquerque	M. Blanchard WMPO
6. Monday, April 21	Performance Allocation Workshop (Iss.1.15)	Denver	M. Blanchard WMPO
7. Tuesday, April 22	Performance Allocation Workshop (Iss 1.17)	Las Vegas	M. Blanchard, WMPO
8. Tuesday-Thursday, April 22-24	PM-TPO Meeting	Las Vegas	J. Fiore SAIC
9. Thursday, May 1	ESTP Committee Meeting	Las Vegas	D. Irby, WMPO
<b>4. <u>State and Public Interaction</u></b>			
1. Friday, April 4	Caliente Town Hall Meeting	Caliente, Nevada	B. West WMPO

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2. Tuesday, April 8	Program Memo of Agreement meeting with State Historical Preservation Office and Nuclear Waste Project Office (Tentative)	Carson City, Nevada	B. Jankus, WMPO
3. Tuesday-Thursday, April 8-10	Spent Fuel Storage Symposium	Seattle	----
4. Friday, April 11	Citizens alert meeting	Las Vegas	B. West, WMPO
5. Monday, April 14	Tour of NTS for Mackay School of Mines	Nevada Test Site	B. West, WMPO
6. Friday, April 25	EMP Meeting with State (Tentative)	To be determined	B. Jankus, WMPO
5. <u>NRC Interaction</u>			
<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
1. Thursday, April 10	NRC Meeting on SCP Chapter 8.3 Level of Detail (Tentative)	Washington, D.C.	M. Blanchard WMPO
2. Monday, April 21	NRC Meeting on Issues Hierarchy and Issue Resolution Strategy (Tentative)	Washington, D.C.	M. Blanchard WMPO
3. Tuesday-Wednesday, April 29-30	NRC Licensing Support System	Las Vegas	P. Prestholt, NRC Las Vegas



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