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SUBJECT: DOE Weekly Report

Please find enclosed the above-referenced report received in this office, i.e., for week ending March 4, 1988.

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NEVADA NUCLEAR WASTE STORAGE INVESTIGATIONS (NNWSI) PROJECT WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING MARCH 4, 1988

I. Critical Items Status

A. Site Characterization Plan (SCP)

Planning for the SCP Completion Plan continued this week. A telecon was held Tuesday between the U.S. Department of Energy/Headquarters (DOE/HQ), the Waste Management Project Office (WMPO), and Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) to establish working groups to support the Integration Team. A briefing of Integration Team members was held Friday, in Las Vegas.

B. Core Sample Management

None to report.

II. Significant Accomplishments/Information Items

Carl P. Gertz, Project Manager, attended the Waste Management '88 Conference in Tucson, Arizona, from February 28-March 3, 1988.

Representatives from DOE/HQ, WMPO, SAIC, and other project participants attended a meeting of the Interface Control Working Group on March 1. The group discussed interface items between the repository, the exploratory shaft, and routine interface control activities.

An issue tracking system meeting was also held in Las Vegas on March 1. Representatives from Battelle-Columbus presented the tracking system being developed for the Office of Geologic Repositories (OGR). Ways to integrate the USGS ParaTrac System into the OGR system were discussed.

On March 2 and 4, Exploratory Shaft Test Plan meetings were held. The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) presented the triaxial test plan and the tracer test plan at the meeting.

The Peer Review committee established to review the report by Jerry Szymanski met in Las Vegas. The schedule for development of the committee report and a draft outline for the report were prepared.

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Representatives from WMPO attended a meeting of the Legislative Commission's Subcommittee on Tuesday, March 1, at the Thomas and Mack Center. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss options concerning a high-level radioactive waste repository at Yucca Mountain.

A briefing was given by Carl Gertz to the president of the Swedish Nuclear Fuel & Waste Management Company, and Harald Ahagen of SKB on Friday, March 4, and in turn, Dr. Bjurstrom gave a presentation on the Swedish high-level nuclear waste program. The previous day, Dr. Bjurstrom and Mr. Ahagen toured the Nevada Test Site.

The following Milestones have been submitted to DOE/HQ:

1. M737, "Annual NNWSI Project Pass Interaction Report"
2. P132, "Annual Performance Assessment Support Services Interaction Report"
3. T159, "Geologic Map of Surficial Deposits of the Jackass Flats Quadrangle, Nye County, Nevada"
4. M236, "Progress Report on the Results of Testing Advanced Conceptual Design Metal Barrier Materials Under Relevant Environmental Conditions for a Tuff Repository"
5. T213, "Pore-water Extraction by Triaxial Compression, Unsaturated Tuff, Yucca Mountain, Nevada"

Submitted by SNL to WMPO:

1. M730, "Report on the Use of Performance Allocation in the NNWSI Site Characterization Plan"
2. M297, "Technical Data Base Planning Strategy for the NNWSI Site and Engineering Properties Data Base"

Submitted by SAIC to WMPO:

1. R795, "Final Draft Environmental Regulatory Compliance Plan"
2. T094, "Revision 1 Environmental Monitoring and Mitigation Plan"
3. P035, "Nevada Nuclear Waste Storage Investigations Project Regulatory Compliance Plan"

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III. Upcoming Events

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A. <u>Coordinating Group Meetings</u>			
None to report.			
B. <u>HQ Meetings</u>			
None to report.			
C. <u>Internal Project and DOE/Nevada Operations Office (NV) Meetings</u>			
Tuesday, March 8	Sample Overview Committee Meeting	Las Vegas, NV	U. Clanton, WMPO
Tuesday, March 15	DOE/NV Manager's Meeting	Las Vegas, NV	V. Davis, WMPO
Thursday, March 16	Project Manager and Technical Project Officers Meeting	Las Vegas, NV	J. Fiore, SAIC
D. <u>State and Public Interaction</u>			
None to report.			
E. <u>U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Interaction</u>			
None to report.			
F. <u>Other</u>			
Tuesday, March 15	Meeting of the Southern Nevada Executive Council (Project Manager will speak)	Las Vegas, NV	V. Davis, WMPO
Tuesday, March 15	Project Manager speaks on the PBS channel (live)	Las Vegas, NV	V. Davis, WMPO
Wednesday-Friday, March 16-18	Project Manager speaks at Las Vegas Day School	Las Vegas, NV	V. Davis, WMPO
Monday, March 21	Project Manager/ Acting Deputy Project Manager conduct tour of NTS for LV City Officials	Las Vegas, NV	V. Davis, WMPO

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Friday, March 25	Project Manager speaks before Western Industrial Nevada	Reno, NV	V. Davis, WMPO
Sunday, March 27	Opening of the Yucca Mountain Information Office	Beatty, NV	S. Volek, SAIC
Wednesday, March 30	Meeting of Kiwanis Club (Project Manager speaks)	Las Vegas, NV	V. Davis, WMPO



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