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SUBJECT: DOE Weekly Report

Please find enclosed the above-referenced report received in this office, i.e., for week ending February 26, 1988.

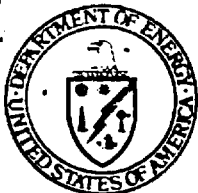
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Stephen H. Kale, Associate Director, Geologic Repositories, HQ (RW-20) FORS  
NEVADA NUCLEAR WASTE STORAGE INVESTIGATIONS (NNWSI) PROJECT WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS  
FOR THE WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 26, 1988

### I. Critical Items Status

#### A. Site Characterization Plan (SCP)

It is anticipated that the contract for the printing of an additional 500 copies of the SCP Consultation Draft will be awarded by the end of the week. This reprint will include Volume 8, the SCP Index prepared by SAIC.

Planning for the SCP Completion Plan continued this week at a U.S. Department of Energy/Headquarters (DOE/HQ) and project office meeting in Las Vegas, February 23-25. This meeting was chaired by Don Alexander (DOE/HQ) and was attended by various DOE/HQ, Waste Management Project Office (WMPO), Weston, and Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) staff members.

A meeting of participant staff members was held in Las Vegas on February 26, 1988. Discussions centered around the SCP Completion Plan process.

Two study plans were submitted for project-level review this week. These study plans were "Reactive Tracer Experiments in C-wells and Other Wells in the Yucca Mountain Vicinity," Los Alamos National Laboratory, and "Laboratory Determination of Mechanical Properties of Intact Rock," Sandia National Laboratories.

#### B. Core Sample Management

None to report.

### II. Significant Accomplishments/Information Items

A Burnup Credit Workshop, sponsored by the DOE Office of Storage and Transportation Systems, was held in Washington, D.C., on February 23-24.

The workshop explored the need to be able to take credit for spent fuel burnup when performing criticality analyses.



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Mitch Kunich (WMPO) gave a tour of the test site on February 23 to representatives from the Desert Research Institute. Kunich also gave a tour on February 26 to members of the Japan Atomic Industrial Forum Inc.

Work continued at the G-tunnel this week. The drilling of the heater hole (drilled from the Rock Mechanics Incline) and the reconnaissance logging of the heater hole core were completed. Construction of centralizers and a mirror system to allow lighting of large diameter boreholes for T.V. camera surveys was also completed.

### III. Upcoming Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
<b>A. <u>Coordinating Group Meetings</u></b>			
None to report.			
<b>B. <u>HQ Meetings</u></b>			
None to report.			
<b>C. <u>Internal Project and DOE/Nevada Operations Office (NV) Meetings</u></b>			
Tuesday, March 1	Interface Control Working Group meeting	Las Vegas, NV	D. Irby, WMPO
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
<b>D. <u>State and Public Interaction</u></b>			
None to report.			
<b>E. <u>U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Interaction</u></b>			
None to report.			

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F. <u>Other</u>			
Sunday-Friday, February 28-March 4	Waste Management '88 Conference	Tucson, AZ	V. Davis, WMPO
Friday, March 4	M. Kunich (WMPO) gives tour of the test site to local teachers	Las Vegas, NV	V. Davis, WMPO
Tuesday, March 15	Meeting of the South- ern Nevada Executive Council (Project Man- ager will speak)	Las Vegas, NV	V. Davis, WMPO
Tuesday, March 15	Project Manager speaks on the PBS channel	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
Friday, March 25	Project Manager speaks before the Western Industrial Nevada	Reno, NV	V. Davis WMPO
Wednesday, March 30	Meeting of Kiwanis Club (Project Mana- ger speaks)	Las Vegas, NV	V. Davis, WMPO

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