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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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FROM:

O. S. Merrill, Senior Staff Engineer

SUBJECT:

SITE VISITS TO NEVADA NUCLEAR WASTE STORAGE  
INVESTIGATIONS (NNWSI) PROJECT NEAR LAS VEGAS,  
NEVADA, AND U. OF ARIZONA (UAZ) HYDROLOGIC TEST SITE  
NEAR PHOENIX, ARIZONA

The results of my survey of your availability for the proposed site visits indicated you are all available one week only between April 1 and the end of September -- the week of July 27-31, 1987. So that is when we'll make the visits.

Consequently, we have obtained an assurance from Jim Knight, Division Director for Siting, Licensing and Quality Assurance, that DOE has no objections to the ACRS Waste Management Subcommittee visiting the project (including other related Nevada Test Site facilities) at the time indicated. And we are also making arrangements with the University of Arizona for the hydrologic site visit near Phoenix at that time.

A tentative itinerary is enclosed. A more detailed one will be developed as arrangements are made. At the present time, please block out this week on your calendars for these important visits. More details will be provided later.

Regarding consultants, at this time they have not been selected but will be soon. We definitely should have a hydrologist and we are proceeding toward obtaining one. I did check with Frank Parker on his availability. He is available that week also and would like very much to go.

For the visits to be most effective and useful, I am soliciting your inputs for specific topics you would like to have discussed during the briefings preceding the actual site visits. For example, Jack Parry suggests that the briefing with UAZ personnel include other hydrologic and related waste packaging work being done by UAZ.

In Nevada, in addition to Yucca Mountain, we also plan to visit G-Tunnel, Climax and Jackass Flats (E-MAD) so we should have briefings on these facilities as well. And, in addition, we propose to meet in

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Las Vegas with representatives from the State of Nevada and have a briefing by NRC's on-site representative there.

Please provide me with your inputs and comments at your earliest convenience.

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As stated

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Proposed Itinerary for July 27 - July 31, 1987 ACRS Waste Management Subcommittee Site Visits to:

1. University of Arizona (UAZ) unsaturated hydrologic test site near Phoenix, Arizona.
2. DOE's Nevada Nuclear Waste Storage Investigation (NNWSI) Project, and related Nevada Test Site (NTS) facilities, near Las Vegas, Nevada.

Monday, July 27

Travel to Phoenix, Arizona/Overnight Lodging in common hotel in Phoenix

Tuesday, July 28

Briefing on UAZ hydrologic and related waste package work projects.  
Site Visit  
Overnight lodging in common hotel in Phoenix

Wednesday, July 29

Travel to Las Vegas, Nevada  
Briefing by State of Nevada officials, NRC Site Representative, and DOE's NNWSI staff on NNWSI and NTS  
Overnight lodging in common hotel in Las Vegas

Thursday, July 30

All day NNWSI and NTS site visits, transported by DOE bus  
Return approximately 6:00 p.m..  
Overnight lodging in common hotel in Las Vegas (or depart for individual destinations)

Friday, July 31

Depart for individual destinations