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SUBJECT: EXCERPTS OF PAUL PRESTHOLT'S NNWSI SITE REPORT FOR THE WEEKS OF  
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- 1) In the TPO NNWSI Project Director meeting held January 31 and February 1, the DOE discussed the response to NRC concerns about exploratory shaft construction and sealing. The following points were brought up:
  - a) The NNWSI project is at a point where exploratory shaft construction issues should be discussed.
  - b) Four topics for small workshops were discussed: 1) Exploratory Shaft Design, 2) April 14, 1983 S. Coplan to D. Vieth letter regarding Exploratory Shaft Construction and Sealing, 3) Exploratory Test Plan, and 4) Performance Assessment.
  - c) The DOE will write a position paper based in part on the NRC, April 14 letter that will be completed in March or April, 1985.
  - d) The position paper would be used as a starting point for meetings between the NRC and NNWSI to be held in April, 1985.

2) Final EA's

The DOE stated in their Management Plan for the preparation of final EA that only five final EAs will be prepared to accompany site nominations. Because of the anticipated large volume of comments on the EA's, a comment response appendix will be prepared for each EA summarizing comments and responses at the issue, not comment, level.

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3) NNWSI Project Monthly Report for November 1984

It is stated in the monthly report that: The Office of Geologic Repositories is in the process of bringing the three repository projects into sharper focus and common direction. Until the redefinition of the national program and project activities have been completed, it seems prudent to de-emphasize and stop work on portions of the conceptual design effort. A stop work order will be in place for approximately one year, starting November, 1984.

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