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MEMORANDUM FOR: Paul Prestholt
On- Site Licensing Representative,
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FROM: Seth Coplan, Section Leader
NTS Project Section
Repository Projects Branch
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR TUFF AND GROUNDWATER SAMPLES FROM YUCCA MOUNTAIN

Enclosed you will find a memo from John Starmer to me requesting my help in obtaining Yucca Mountain tuff and groundwater samples from the DOE for experimental lab work to be performed by ORNL, one of our geochemistry contractors (see enclosed letters from Whatley (ORNL) to Starmer and from Kelmers (ORNL) to Whatley for specifics of the experiments and of the samples requested).

After talking with you in person and Jerry Szymanski of the DOE by telephone, the appropriate approach to the DOE on this matter in the absence of a site-specific procedural agreement appears to be through you as NRC on-site representative. Hence, I am asking you to pursue the the procurement of the requested samples.

If you have any questions about this request, please do not hesitate to call King Stablein or myself.

"ORIGINAL SIGNED BY"
Seth Coplan, Section Leader
NTS Project Section
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Enclosure:
1. Memo from Starmer to Coplan
2. Letter from Whatley (ORNL) to Starmer, dated 6/22/84
3. Letter Report from Kelmers dated 5/22/84

cc: J. Szymanski

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