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SUBJECT: SCHEDULE FOR NTS WORKSHOPS

On September 27, I met with Don Vieth and Mitchell Kunich of DOE at their office in Las Vegas, NV. A summary of the meeting is attached as Enclosure 1. During the meeting, we reached a tentative agreement to hold a series of technical workshops prior to submittal of the SCR. Vieth indicated and I agreed that in order for the workshops to be effective they would need to begin in November (DOE's schedule for submittal of the SCR calls for review by DOE Headquarters in January). I agreed to take a first cut at a schedule by October 8 and said that I would try to accommodate him regarding a November start for the workshops even though there are constraints posed by our BWIP SCR reviews.

On October 6, I met with the NTS Topic Coordinators (TCs) to determine what workshops might be held before the end of the year. I suggested the general timing for five workshops shown in Enclosure 2. There was general concern as to whether NTS workshops could or even should be started in November given the TC's BWIP and other commitments. Bob Cook and Mal Knapp have particularly strong reservations.

I am concerned that unless workshops in such key areas as hydrology begin before the SCR is submitted for DOE Headquarters review, major disconnects with DOE are likely and further that we may be unable to develop a sound

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SCA on schedule. It is urgent that I discuss these concerns with you and Mike Bell.



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Attachments:

- 1. Summary of Las Vegas meeting
- 2. NTS Workshop - Timing

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SUMMARY OF MEETING BETWEEN NUCLEAR REGULATORY
COMMISSION (NRC) AND U. S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE)

Date September 27, 1982
Time: 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Place: DOE offices in Las Vegas, NV
Participants: D. L. Vieth (DOE), M. P. Kunich (DOE), and S. M. Coplan
(NRC)

Purpose: To establish the nature and timing of pre-SCR interactions
between NRC and DOE related to the Nevada Nuclear Waste Storage
Investigations (NNWSI).

Summary of Conclusions and Agreements:

1. It was tentatively agreed to hold the following technical workshops:

<u>Workshop</u>	<u>Priority</u>
a. Performance Assessment	(6)
b. Design Analyses for the Underground Facilities	(1)
c. Geochemical Retardation	(2)
d. Waste Package	(5)
e. Hydrology	(3)
f. Geology/Tectonics	(4)

The basic purpose of the pre-SCR interactions between NRC and DOE is to identify potential licensing issues early and to consult on programs for resolving them. The workshops would provide an opportunity for such consultation. Because submittal of the SCR is planned for March 1983, DOE views a November 1982 time-frame as being most advantageous.

2. The following actions were agreed to:
 - a. Work out schedules for workshops. Coplan will contact Vieth with first cut by October 8.
 - b. Work out expectations for workshops, i.e., what each party is expected to contribute. Vieth will contact Coplan with first cut by October 5.
 - c. Vieth will provide NRC with information packages for each workshop about four weeks prior to the workshop.
 - d. Coplan will send Vieth a roster for the NTS review team by October 6.
3. A summary of the meeting was read and signed by Donald L. Vieth (DOE) and Seth M. Coplan (NRC).

NTS WORKSHOPS - TIMING

November - December:

Hydrology

Design

Waste Package/Retardation

January - February:

Performance Assessment

Geologic Stability