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REQUEST FOR LAND ACCESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE APPROVAL

Your submittal for access and environmental compliance approval for the
Nuclear Regulatory Commission (John Linehan) to collect water from Well J-13
(letter, Clanton to Kaiser, dated October 6, 1989) has been processed.

The following is provided regarding the activity:

1. The location of the activity is entirely on the Nevada Test Site (NTS).
Since the NTS is under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Department of Energy
(DOE), only DOE access requirements apply.
2. The activity complies with applicable environmental regulatory
requirements as defined by the Environmental Regulatory Compliance Plan.
3. The activity does not conflict with Environmental Monitoring and
Mitigation Plan (EMMP) commitments. However, these stipulations are
applicable:
 - o Since the radiological monitoring program is part of the EMMP effort,
all radionuclide water sample analysis should be made available to
Steven Woolfolk, Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC).
 - o Discovery of any important resources, such as the desert tortoise or
Native American artifacts by field personnel at the Yucca Mountain
site, should be reported to Frank Maxwell at the Yucca Mountain Project
Office. Reports should be made within 24 hours and include the
location and time of sighting.
4. Regarding protection of the desert tortoise which has been listed as an
endangered species:
 - o Vehicular traffic is restricted to only main and secondary roads. NO
OFF-ROAD TRAFFIC IS PERMITTED (see enclosed map which shows roads which
are open to vehicular use).

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- o All harassment of the desert tortoise is to be avoided. Neither the animal itself nor its burrow should be touched or disturbed. Stay at least ten feet away from any burrow that is six inches or larger. Take special care to avoid hitting animals which may be crossing roads on which vehicle traffic is permitted.

- 5. Pre-activity surveys were not conducted since this activity does not require any surface disturbance.

Land access and environmental compliance approval is hereby GRANTED with the above mentioned conditions.

If you have any questions regarding this action, please contact Steven W. Woolfolk of SAIC at (702) 794-7804 or FTS 544-7804, or Frank R. Maxwell of my staff at (702) 794-7573 or FTS 544-7573.


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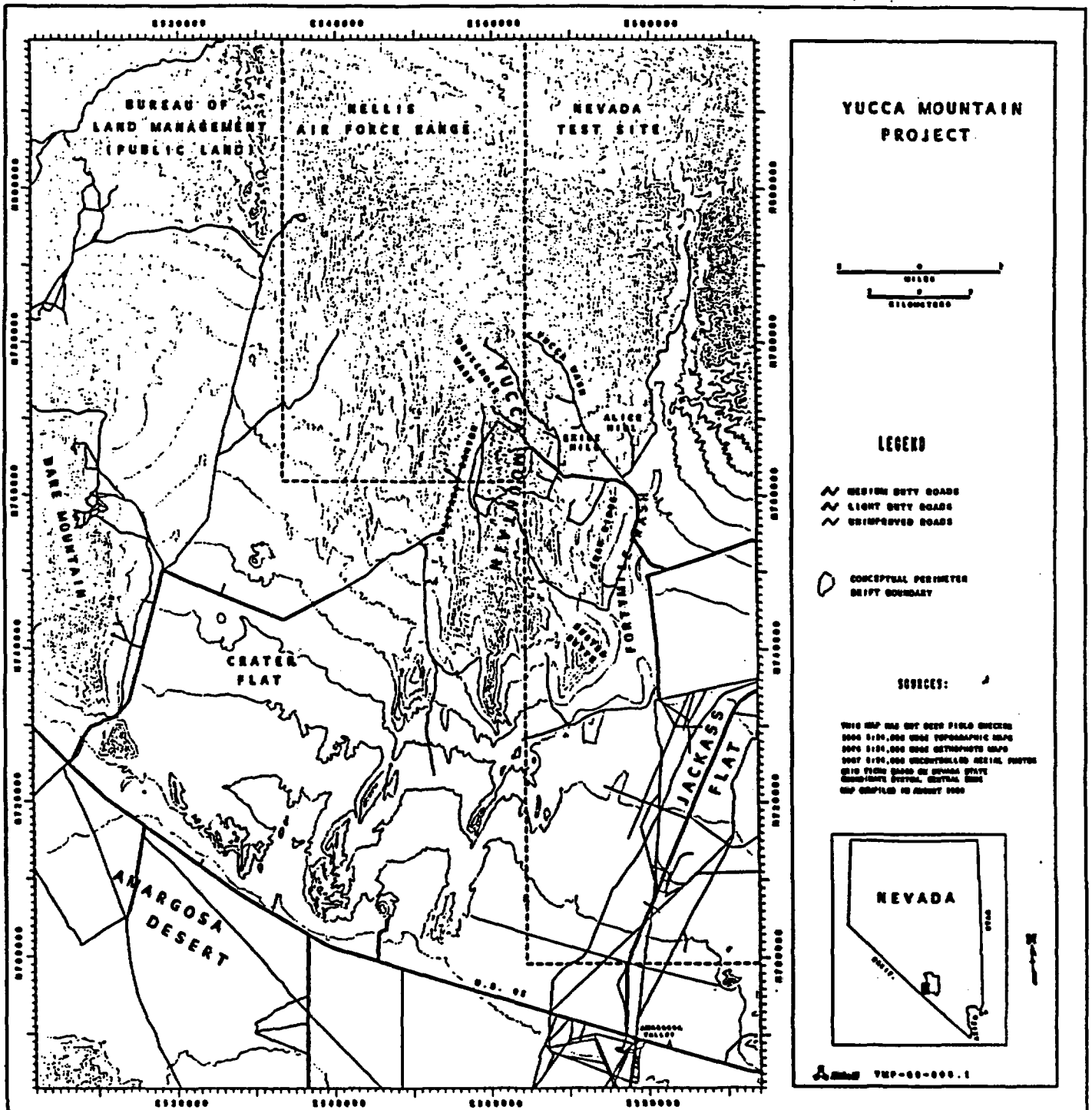
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Enclosure:
Map of Approved Roads

cc w/encl:
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ROADS APPROVED FOR USE PENDING COMPLETION OF ESA SECTION 7 CONSULTATION FOR DESERT TORTOISE



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