

NOTE TO: Those on Attached List

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THROUGH: J. Kennedy

FROM: L. Riddle

SUBJECT: Briefing on the Revision to the NRC Review Plan held
Thursday April 7, 1988

I appreciated your attendance at the briefing last week. Since several questions were asked during and after the meeting, I have summarized a few items below. Some of you may already be aware of them but I have included them for completeness. In addition, some of the items may assist you in your review if you have not completed it yet.

- * The due date for comments is extended to April 27, 1988.
- * The revised NRC Review Plan and Technical Position on Quality Assurance apply to the site characterization phase (pre-licensing phase) of the repository program. This includes a wide range of activities including data collection activities such as continuous monitoring of seismicity of Yucca Mountain, hydrologic testing at the site, and geochemical testing of fluids and rocks; engineered design of waste packages, underground openings, and the surface facility; and long term testing of waste packages.
- * The applicability of Appendix B and NQA-1 to the repository program has been addressed by modifying definitions such as item, material, test, and design and by the addition of several staff positions that clarify these requirements.
- * Other staff positions have been added to supplement Appendix B and NQA-1 requirements. These positions originated in the 1984 NRC Review Plan, in DOE QA plans and other references noted in the reference section.
- * Many of the new staff positions in the Technical Position on Quality Assurance are already in DOE QA plans. However all of the positions are not incorporated in each of the DOE plans. Since the NRC uses the 1984 plan to review the DOE documents, the staff is not reviewing these new positions. The revision will provide consensus on the positions that are appropriate and will help make the DOE plans and the NRC staff's review of these plans consistent.
- * All Requirements in Appendix B and all Requirements and Supplements in NQA-1 have been incorporated in the Technical Position on Quality Assurance. NQA-1 Basic Requirements and Supplements have been divided into separate sentences. Each sentence is recorded below the Appendix B Requirement to which it applies.

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- * I am preparing another document that identifies the new material in the Technical Position on Quality Assurance. It is unlikely that it will be finished before your review is complete. I will be happy to provide you with drafts of completed sections when they are finished. Please contact me (x20407) if you need them or have any questions. I will be available April 11-15, 25, and 26.

- * Once I receive your comments and resolve them the documents will be noticed for public comment in the Federal Register (about May 31). There will be a 90 day review period and then the QA staff will resolve the comments. The staff does not anticipate that the final documents will be published until sometime in 1989. Again, your review is important to us, and we are looking forward to receiving your comments.

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