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DATE: September 15, 1989

SUBJECT: DOE WEEKLY REPORT

Please find enclosed the above-referenced report received in this office, i.e., for week ending September 8, 1989.

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YUCCA MOUNTAIN PROJECT WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE WEEK ENDING .  
SEPTEMBER 8, 1989

### I. Critical Items Status

#### A. Site Characterization Plan (SCP) Progress Reports

A detailed guidance package and a preliminary schedule for production of the second semiannual progress report was issued to the Yucca Mountain Project participants. The package included a draft administrative procedure entitled "Participant Input to the Semiannual Progress Report on Site Characterization."

#### Comment Response Summary

Work continued on final editing and cross-referencing of responses to comments made on the Consultation Draft of the SCP. Comment response packages for the State of Nevada and the U.S. Geological Survey are expected to be completed by mid-September.

#### SCP Study Plan Status: September 8, 1989

There was no change in study plan status this week.

STUDY PLAN BREAKDOWN

Project Office Acceptance Review. . .	0
Revision. . . . .	0
Project Review. . . . .	0
Post-PO Revision. . . . .	0
Parallel PO/HQ Review . . . . .	16
HQ Review (PO Review complete). . . .	1
Post HQ Revision. . . . .	4
PO/HQ Audit . . . . .	3
To HQ for NRC submission. . . . .	1
NRC Acceptance Review . . . . .	7
Revision . . . . .	0
NRC Start-work Review . . . . .	0
Revision . . . . .	0
NRC Acceptance . . . . .	0
 Total . . . . .	 32

**B. Core Sample Management**

Staff continued processing Utah Prototype borehole samples at the Sample Management Facility (SMF).

A tour of the SMF was given to a reporter from the Las Vegas Review-Journal. A tour of the SMF, G-Tunnel, and Climax Mine areas of the Nevada Test Site (NTS) was conducted for U. S. Department of Energy (DOE) and Idaho National Engineering Laboratory personnel. Attendees were briefed on the geology of the NTS area and various project-related testing at G-Tunnel and Climax mines.

**C. Quality Assurance (QA)**

The Bimonthly QA meeting was held in Washington, D.C., on September 7, 1989. A presentation on the Status of Title II Quality Assurance Controls was given to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

At this month's Integrated Data System (IDS) Liaison Group meeting, a question arose concerning the requirements of Administrative Procedure 5.19Q, "Interface Control," and the IDS requirement to use Memoranda of Understanding as the main method of communication among project participants. Further research is being conducted to resolve this QA concern.

**D. Exploratory Shaft Facility (ESF)**

ESF staff reviewed Holmes & Narver's proposed resolutions to the management review of its general arrangement drawings.

The revised annotated outline of the Waste Package Program Plan was completed.

E. Long Range Planning and Project Planning and Control System (PACS)

PACS training was conducted for Fenix & Scisson of Nevada employees.

A final draft of the PACS system description was completed. The draft will now be circulated for formal review.

Staff initiated programming within APECS for standard reports and data organization.

F. Environmental Permitting

Work continues on the Desert Tortoise Biological Assessment (BA). The BA is scheduled for completion by the end of September.

II. Significant Accomplishments/Information Items

Production of the Review Record Memorandum (RRM) for the Technical Assessment Review (TAR) on the resistivity anomaly continued. Reference verification on a draft of the RRM text was completed. The final TAR recommendations are complete and the document is being readied for production and distribution.

III. Upcoming Events

Please note that the usage of "(P)" in the Upcoming Events calendar indicates that the event is open to the public.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Participant</u>
A. <u>Coordinating Group Meetings</u>			
None.			
B. <u>Headquarters (HQ) Meetings</u>			
Thursday, September 21	Program Management meeting	Washington, DC	C. Gertz, Project Office
Thursday, October 19	Program Management meeting	Las Vegas, NV	C. Gertz, Project Office

B. HQ Meetings (continued)

Thursday, November 16	Program Management meeting	Washington, DC	C. Gertz, Project Office
Thursday, December 14	Program Management meeting	Washington, DC	C. Gertz, Project Office

C. Internal Project and DOE/Nevada Operations Office (NV) meetings

Wednesday, September 20	NV Manager's Program Review	Las Vegas, NV	C. Gertz, Project Office
Wednesday, October 18	NV Manager's Program Review	Las Vegas, NV	C. Gertz, Project Office

D. State and Public Interactions

Sunday, September 10	Presentation to the St. Matthews Episco- pal Church (P)	Las Vegas, NV	C. Gertz, Project Office
Wednesday, September 13	Presentation at the Energy and Environ- mental Conference (P)	Denver, CO	C. Gertz, Project Office
Monday- Wednesday, September 11-13	Presentation to the National Congress of American Indians (P)	Phoenix, AZ	A. Robison, Project Office
Tuesday, September 19	Presentation at the Nuclear Plant Experience Conference (P)	Williamsburg, VA	B. Easterling, DOE/HQ
Friday, September 22	Presentation to the Las Vegas City Chamber of Commerce (P)	Las Vegas, NV	C. Gertz, Project Office
Monday, September 25	Yucca Mountain Project Update meeting (P)	Pahrump, NV	C. Gertz, Project Office

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D. State and Public Interactions (continued)

Tuesday, September 26	Yucca Mountain Project Update meeting (P)	Henderson, NV	C. Gertz, Project Office
Thursday, September 28	West Charleston Lions Club (P)	Las Vegas, NV	C. Gertz Project Office
Thursday, September 28	Yucca Mountain Project Update meeting (P)	Carson City, NV	C. Gertz, Project Office
Tuesday, October 17	Presentation to Southern Nevada Executive Council (P)	Las Vegas, NV	S. Jones, Project Office
Thursday, October 26	Presentation to Joint Power General Conference (P)	Dallas, TX	C. Gertz, Project Office
Sunday- Wednesday, November 26-29	Presentation to American Nuclear Society 1989 Winter Meeting (P)	San Francisco, CA	C. Gertz, Project Office
Wednesday, November 29	Presentation to the U.S. Council on Energy Awareness Program Committee (P)	Las Vegas, NV	C. Gertz, Project Office

E. Yucca Mountain Project Tabletop Exhibit Showings (P)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Friday-Sunday, September 15-17	Pahrump Harvest Festival	Pahrump, NV	M. Powell, Project Office
Tuesday-Sunday, October 3-8	Las Vegas Jaycees State Fair	Las Vegas, NV	M. Powell, Project Office
Thursday-Sunday, October 19-22	Home and Energy Show	Las Vegas, NV	M. Powell, Project Office
Saturday-Sunday, October 21-22	Henderson Expo	Henderson, NV	M. Powell, Project Office

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E. Yucca Mountain Project Tabletop Exhibit Showings (P) (continued)

Tuesday, October 31	Nevada Day Celebration	Las Vegas, NV	M. Powell, Project Office
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F. NRC Interaction

Thursday, September 14	ACNW meeting	Rockville, MD	M. Blanchard, Project Office
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Tuesday, September 26	Tectonics meeting, including Yucca Moun- tain site visit	Las Vegas, NV	M. Blanchard, Project Office
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Wednesday, October 25	Container materials meeting (P)	White Flint, MD	M. Cloninger, Project Office
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G. Other

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