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MEMORANDUM FOR: Robert E. Browning, Director  
Division of Waste Management

FROM: Paul T. Prestholt, Sr. OR-NNWSI

SUBJECT: NNWSI Site Report for Weeks of May 20 and 27  
and June 3

I. On May 23rd a meeting was held between the State of Nevada (Carl Johnson) and WMPO (Max Blanchard) concerning Robert Loux's May 1, 1985 letter to Don Vieth. In this letter, Mr. Loux expressed concern that a meeting was held on February 13 between the DOE and the NRC to discuss the annotated outline for the SCPs. This letter also forwarded the State of Nevada's specific comments on the annotated outline.

I attended this meeting and discussed the Site Characterization Management Plan (prepared to guide the writing of the SCP) and the NNWSI issues hierarchy with Max Blanchard. Mr. Blanchard agreed to give the NRC the Management Plan for our information. He also agreed to give the NRC the draft issues hierarchy being developed for the NNWSI. Key issues 1, 2 and 4 are complete; key issue 3 is missing the information needs. I have discussed the issue hierarchy with King Stablein and he is interested in reviewing the document with the goal of accepting this document as the common (NRC and NNWSI) statement of issues if possible. It would seem that it would be beneficial to the program if the NRC and the NNWSI were working to a common statement of issues and information needs.

The SCP Management Plan was mailed on June 5 to John Linehan. The issues hierarchy document accompanies this report.

Mr. Johnson seemed satisfied with the DOE's statements concerning the State's specific comments on the SCP. However, Johnson did state that it was the State of Nevada's position that the State should be represented at "management" meetings.

II. The May TPO-Project Management meeting was held on May 29 and 30. A number of items of interest to the staff were discussed:

1. Sandia National Laboratories-NNWSI group has a new Q.A. Manager. His name is Bob Richards.

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2. Lake Barrett-DOE Hq. will be writing a policy paper stating that DOE will follow NRC regulations concerning transportation.
3. Concerning whether or not OCRWM will use a common Architectural Engineer, SRPO and BWIP are not in favor; NNWSI and DOE Hq. are in favor. Ben Rusche wants a common A.E.
4. U. S. Bu-Mines is under contract to DOE. OCRWM particularly wants expertise on gassy mines, etc.
5. MSHA will conduct safety inspections of repository work and make recommendations. DOE will enforce corrective recommendations. MSHA will not have "stop work" authority.
6. Final EA release date is now the end of October. Final schedule will be set at a meeting on June 13.
7. Bill Dudley, USGS TPO, would like to discuss Q.A. levels with NRC-WM Q.A. people.
8. DOE-Hq. has formed a steering committee to arrive at a final ranking of sites (Chapter 7 of EA). The committee consists of Purcell, Stein, Burton, Parker and Longo. Are any of these gentlemen geoscientists?
9. A presentation on regulatory compliance was given by SAIC. The handout is enclosed. SAIC requests that the staff review the handout and advise Mike Glora of any errors or misinterpretations.

III. I have reviewed the seismo-tectonic position paper prepared by WMGT and have given my comments to John Trapp (Mike Blackford was not available) and to King Stablein. I do not believe that this document gives the guidance that the projects need.

IV. Linda Kovach, WMGT, called and suggested that a meeting between NRC, LANL and Oak Ridge, concerning the Oak Ridge contract with the NRC, might be desirable. Proper protocol would be observed, of course. The NNWSI (Jerry Szymanski) is unsure whether such a meeting would be proper considering recent decisions by DOE-Hq. concerning interactions with the NRC. We are continuing to look into this matter.

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V. A Q.A. audit of LLNL by NNWSI is scheduled for July 8, 9, 10 and 11. I am planning on attending as an observer. This is the first audit of a major NNWSI participant this fiscal year. An audit schedule is enclosed.