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July 3, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: Robert E. Browning, Director
Division of Waste Management
FROM: Paul T. Prestholt, Sr. OR-NNWSI *PTP*
SUBJECT: NNWSI Site Report for Weeks of June 10, 17,
and 24

I. I was on annual leave during the weeks of June 10 & 17 so there is nothing to report.

II. Enclosed are the handouts from the TPO-Project Manager Meeting held on June 26 and 27. The following are of particular interest to the staff:

A. DOE-Hq. will write the EIS. A 10 million dollar contract will be let to do this work.

B. The DOE will not grant funds for States-Tribes to litigate against DOE. The Department of Justice is in concurrence. DOE-Hq. will be issuing a position paper on this subject.

C. A presentation was made by Joe S. Downey, USGS, and Dave Vaniman, LANL, on the origin of the shallow secondary carbonate and silicate deposits on and near Yucca Mountain. Enclosed is a handout that describes the work proposed by the USGS to determine the origin of these deposits and their relationship to local tectonics, if any.

D. LLNL gave a presentation on the Waste Package. The viewgraphs from this presentation are enclosed.

E. There was a presentation on the EA status and a Licensing update. The viewgraphs (enclosed) are self-explanatory.

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NNWSI PROJECT WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 20, 1985

I. Issues Requiring Involvement of HQ or Other Projects

A. New Issues:

None to report.

B. Previously Reported Issues:

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>First Report Date</u>
1. Regarding March 19 letter to E. S. Burton - EA Briefings and Hearings - requested copy of documents generated as a result of "Roles and Responsibilities at Briefings" memo.	Open - Per ISGG Meeting 5/9-10, should be available 6/15.	5/14/85
2. Regarding May 17 request for HQ to contact NRC for responses to NNWSI Project questions posed at the December DOE/NRC QA meeting.	Open	6/6/85
3. Regarding June 6 request from Blanchard, when will Style Guides for EA and SCP be finalized? Need something in writing.	Open	6/20/85
4. Regarding June 6 letter from Szymanski, requested clarification of NRC Technical meetings that can be scheduled.	Open	6/20/85

II. Major Internal Concerns

None to report.

III. Significant Accomplishments (SA)/Information Items (II)

SA

None to report.

II

Larry Skousen has been requested by Ralph Stein at HQ to participate in a Committee that has been formed to address prototypical design of fuel rod consolidation equipment for a project at Idaho Falls.

Don Vieth was installed as chairman of the U. S. National Committee on Tunneling Technology on Sunday June 16.

The ESTP Committee met in Las Vegas on June 18 to review surface facilities drawings and discuss requirements for prototype testing of aircoring techniques. The committee was asked to develop "what if" scenarios that will be studied to amend the proposed ES construction schedule.

Project participants and HQ representatives reviewed SCP Chapter 2 (Geoengineering) on June 17-20 in Las Vegas.

Mitch Kunich gave a presentation on the NNWSI Project to the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce on June 19. The information was well received and there were approximately 120 participants.

IV. Upcoming Events

1. Coordination Group Meetings

- o Tuesday-Thursday, June 25-27: Waste Package Coordination Group Meeting, Denver.
- o Monday-Tuesday, July 1-2: Institutional/Socioeconomic Coordination Group Meeting, Atlanta.

2. HQ Meetings

- o Tuesday, June 25: Fuel Rod Consolidation Equipment Prototypical Design Committee Meeting, Idaho Falls (Skousen).

3. Internal Project and DOE/NV Meetings

- o Wednesday-Thursday, June 26-27: PM-TPO Meeting, Las Vegas.
- o Monday, July 1: SAIC Monthly Status Review.

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- o Tuesday, July 9: SOC Meeting, NTS.
- o Tuesday, July 9: ESF Status Meeting, NTS.
- o Tuesday-Thursday, July 9-11: Waste Package QA Audit, Livermore.
- o Thursday-Friday, July 11-12: ESTP Committee Meeting, Denver.
- o Monday-Thursday, July 15-18: SCP Chapter 7 Internal Review, Las Vegas.

4. State and Public Interaction

- o Friday, June 21: State EA Comment-Clarification Meeting.
- o Monday June 24: Congressman Harry Reid staff tour of NTS (Clark and Kunich).
- o Tuesday, June 25: National Environmental Health Association Speech/ Las Vegas (Don Vieth).
- o Tuesday, July 9: Don Vieth to tour the Environmental Research Center at UNLV.
- o Wednesday, July 10: Pine County Commissioners/Ely Town Meeting.

5. NRC Interaction

- o Wednesday, July 3: Retrievability Position NRC Meeting - Generic (Tentative).
- o Thursday, July 18: Generic ES Meeting.
- o Tuesday-Wednesday, July 23-24: NRC/DOE Waste Package Meeting.

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NNWSI PROJECT MONTHLY REPORT FOR APRIL 1985

Enclosed is the NNWSI Monthly Report for April 1985 covering the technical
activities and status of the NNWSI Project.

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Enclosure:
As stated


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