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Dear Mr. Linehan:

In preparation for the Technical Meeting to discuss DOE/NRC Interactions scheduled for November 7, 1989, the Department of Energy has revised the 1989 Projected DOE/NRC Interactions Schedule through December 1989 (Enclosure 1). Note that several meetings have been removed from the schedule in anticipation of the discussions at our meeting. Listed below is a summary of the changes made to the previous version of the Interactions Schedule, by topic.

REFERENCE:

- DWPF Cold Runs start date moved to 1990.

SCP:

- Issuance of SCP Progress Report moved to November 1989.

STUDY PLANS:

- Study Plan submittal dates to NRC revised per most recent projected schedule.
- 90-day Study Plan comment meetings Removed.

Quality Assurance:

- Revised Bi-Monthly QA meeting schedule.
- Moved "QAR with OGR/B-14 Requirements" from Waste Acceptance to QA section.
- Revised YMPO QAPP submittal schedule.

DESIGN PROCESS:

- Removed Technical Exchange on ESF interference.

TECHNICAL & REGULATORY POSITIONS:

- Removed Technical Exchanges for "APE/UPE", "Anomaly", and "Scenario Development".
- Removed the Meeting on PA Integration.
- Rescheduled the remaining Technical Exchanges and Meetings as shown.

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WASTE ACCEPTANCE PROCESS:

- Removed Process Control Document (DWPF), Waste Qualification Report P.7 (DWPF), and Waste Compliance Plan (WVDP) (rescheduled for 1990).
- Added Waste Qualification Report P.2 (DWPF) in December 1989.
- Rescheduled Waste Acceptance Preliminary Specifications (WVDP) and QA documents.
- Removed WAP Performance Assessment meeting.

OTHER:

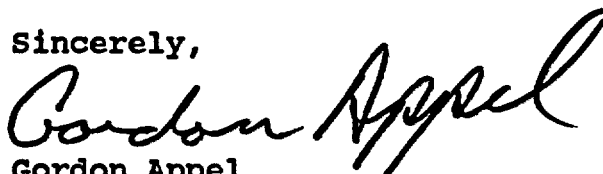
- Added Tectonics Site Visit on November 1-2, 1989.
- Rescheduled PRM submittal on Accident Dose Guidelines and Interactions Planning meeting.

In addition, a list of DOE proposed topics for future DOE/NRC interactions is provided for consideration at our meeting (Enclosure 2). You will observe that the DOE list is considerably different in terms of meeting topics and significantly abbreviated from NRC proposal enclosed with your letter of October 30, 1989. Our list was developed in consideration of expected program priorities, and anticipated budget constraints. It represents what DOE believes to be the maximum level of interaction with the NRC staff that we can support during the period under consideration. As you are aware, the DOE also provides periodic briefings to the NRC Commissioners, the Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW), the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board (NWTRB), and others. DOE continues to support a program of ongoing interactions with the NRC staff as a mechanism for reaching a better mutual understanding of the technical issues for the program.

Your letter of October 30, 1989, also recommended an additional type of DOE/NRC interaction (technology workshops). DOE believes that the intent of such workshops can be accommodated within the present scope of technical exchanges, and that the instituting an additional type of interaction is not warranted.

Questions regarding this correspondence should be addressed to me at 586-1462.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures:

- 1) Schedule of DOE/NRC Interactions (Status Date: 10/30/89)**
- 2) DOE Proposed Topics for DOE/NRC Interactions**
(DOE/NRC Technical Meeting November 7, 1989)

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DOE PROPOSED TOPICS FOR DOE-NRC INTERACTIONS

DOE/NRC Technical Meeting November 7, 1989

December	Draft NRC Technical Position on seismic hazards evaluation including 10,000 year earthquake (TE)
January 1990	Calcite/silica (TE)
February	NUREG-1318 implementation (TM)
March	TAR on geophysical anomaly (TE)
April	Anticipated/unanticipated processes and events (TE)
May	Scenario development and Construction of CCDF (TE)
June	Saturated zone testing (TE)
July	UZ testing - Calico Hills (TE)
August	Natural resources (TE)
September	Performance assessment integration (TE)

TE= Technical Exchange
TM= Technical Meeting

