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SUBJECT: MINUTES OF MANAGEMENT MEETING WITH DOE HQ AND NNWSI
PROJECT MANAGER, DECEMBER 22, 1987

A management meeting involving DOE HQ and NNWSI management and NRC high level waste management staff was held on December 22, 1987 to discuss quality assurance at the NNWSI project. The following persons attended:

- | <u>DOE</u> | <u>NRC</u> |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Stephen Kale (OGR) | Robert Browning |
| Ralph Stein (OGR)(part time) | Michael Bell |
| Carl Gertz (NNWSI) | John Linehan |
| Karl Sommer (OGR) | James Kennedy |
| Deborah Valentine (OGR) | |

The following points were discussed:

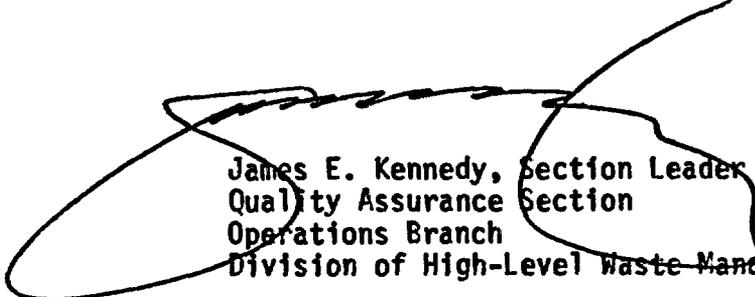
1. The NRC staff will observe three DOE WMPO audits planned for the first quarter of 1988 at Los Alamos National Laboratory, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, and the USGS at Menlo Park, California. These audit observations are a method by which the staff can identify improvements needed in the DOE program and/or gain confidence in the program's adequacy.
2. DOE is to identify areas and propose schedules for NRC technical and QA staff to conduct an on-site review of ongoing data collection activities. Some examples are the seismic monitoring and meteorological monitoring.
3. WMPO to provide date for responding to outstanding staff comments on NNWSI QA Plan (196-17). These comments have been outstanding for more than a year. It was agreed that future NRC staff comments on QA plans will need a quicker DOE response.
4. Gertz to meet with NRC NNWSI team in near future, in connection with a meeting at OGR. Firm date not established.
5. WMPO will look into possibility of having more reactor program "lessons learned" briefings. It has been several years since NRC briefings on same subject and turnover in program may warrant a rerun. Improvement of attitude toward QA within project is the objective of the briefings. Some commercial reactor personnel were suggested as potential candidates for such a briefing. NRC staff will assist in arranging for briefings if DOE needs it.

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6. NRC staff needs revised HQ QA Plan to review the response to its comments provided last year. This plan is due end of January.
7. NRC to furnish audit BWIP observation report dated 12/22/87 to DOE. DOE to review and comment on staff's method of handling concerns. [report faxed to Karl Sommer on 12/23/87].
8. DOE to respond to LANL audit report.
9. NRC staff needs DOE approved plans for the NNWSI project participants--see December 9, 1987 letter to Parker of OGR.
10. WMPO to provide an updated schedule for release of study plans in January. NRC is not only interested in the schedule for release of plans, but also dates for initiating studies and dates by which NRC comments on plans are needed.



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