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DATE: June 17, 1986  
SUBJECT: DOE Weekly Report

Please find enclosed the above-referenced report received in this office, i.e., for week ending June 12, 1986.

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NEVADA NUCLEAR WASTE STORAGE INVESTIGATIONS (NNWSI) PROJECT WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS  
FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 12, 1986.

### I. Project Manager's Concerns

A letter to Don Alexander dated June 9 requests guidance for writing Chapter 8.6 (Quality Assurance (QA)) of the Site Characterization Plan (SCP); work cannot continue without confirmed OGR QA philosophy. (86-1396)

The following concerns have been reported previously on Weekly Highlights reports.

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>First Report Date</u>
1. Letter to Barrett dated December 24 requested which states are prepared to work in cooperative mode (informal agreement) with Transportation Department; also requested language that could be used in grant to the State in the area of transportation. (86-450)	Due January 13, 1986. Open. Philpott to call WMPO.	12/26/86
2. Request for Benson to define when site characterization phase actually begins. (86-517)	Due January 13, 1986. Awaiting memo from DOE/HQ confirming telecon with Benson	01/15/86
3. Letter to Knight dated February 13 asks for guidance on how to address the difference between the NRC definition of the "engineered barrier" and the Program's baseline position (86-714).	Due March 6, 1986	02/20/86

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| 4. Letter to Knight dated February 13 requests clarification of proposed time frame for NRC Audit of WMPO before initiating site characterization; is it tied to a specific NWPA event? (86-715)              | Due March 6, 1986  | 02/20/86 |
| 5. Letter to Knight dated March 25 requests HQ help in obtaining available NRC information regarding criteria, restrictions, and analyses relating to overflight of licensed facilities by aircraft. (86-958) | Due May 6, 1986    | 03/27/86 |
| 6. Letter to Knight dated April 3 requests HQ guidance on HQ involvement in NRC/Project procedures for implementing Morgan-Davis agreement. (86-1032)   | Due April 15, 1986 | 04/10/86 |
| 7. Letter to Gale dated April 3 requests formal guidance on psychological factors related to monitoring and mitigation planning. (86-1029)  | Due April 24, 1986 | 04/10/86 |
| 8. Letter to Gale from Dixon dated April 18 requests clarification of guidance on OMB regulations governing collection of information by Federal agencies. (86-1107)  | Due May 9, 1986    | 04/24/86 |
| 9. In a letter dated April 22 to D. Alexander, M. Blanchard requested that the Office of Geologic Repositories authorize the Project to deviate from baseline Document OGR/B-5. (86-1145)                     | Due May 13, 1986   | 05/01/86 |

## II. Significant Accomplishments/Information Items

On June 10, 1986, the temporary restraining order granted in a local Nevada district court against Tri-State's carrying the E-MAD spent fuel rods through the City was permitted to expire pursuant to an agreement between the parties whereby Tri-State Motors stipulated that shipments of spent fuel rods from the NTS were not now being routed through the City of Las Vegas and that Tri-State would provide the City three days' notice of shipments if they were to be routed through the city. Any hearing on the City's motion for a preliminary injunction was postponed indefinitely.

On May 29, 1986 REECo miners loaded and fired the last round required to advance the Demonstration Drift in the G-Tunnel Underground Facility to a length of 30 meters. The cross-section dimensions (4 by 6 meters) and shape are consistent with design concepts for horizontal waste emplacement. The firing of the last round completes Milestone M279, "Completion of Mining for G-Tunnel Welded Tuff Mining Evaluations."

A ten-day slip in submittal to DOE/NV of SCP Chapter 8 from the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) was requested on June 3. The proposed new submittal date is June 16. Internal USGS review of Chapter 8 will take place during the week of June 9.

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation has submitted the Probable Maximum Flood Report to the Waste Management Project Office for approval.

The Nevada legislators took a two-day tour to the NTS and Yucca Mountain. Don Vieth conducted the second day of the tour. Several legislators expressed interest in becoming more informed about the Project and helping the public become more aware of the Project.

The USGS has produced initial retrieval of key well data stored in Ground Water System International's (GWSI) National Water Data Exchange System (NWDEX). Data input to NWDEX is 100 percent complete and verification of coding is 80 percent complete.

Doug Shipley has joined the Waste Management Project Office (WMPO) as a Program Analyst, in the Systems & Project Control Branch. Doug comes to WMPO from the Resource Management & Budget Division, DOE/NV where he was a program analyst responsible for several defense programs. Doug is a native of Illinois and has received a B.A. in History (1972) and an M.S. in Administration (1974) from Southern Illinois University located at Carbondale, IL. Before coming to Nevada, Doug served five years as an officer in the U. S. Coast Guard.

III. Upcoming EventsA. Coordination Group Meetings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
1. Monday-Thursday, June 16-19	Institutional/ Socioeconomic Coordination Group	St. Louis, MO	W. Dixon, WMPO

B. HQ Meetings

1. Monday-Thursday, June 16-19	Exploratory Shaft Facility Meeting	Washington, D.C.	D. Irby, WMPO
2. Tuesday, June 17	SCP Schedule Meeting	Washington, D.C.	J. Rotert, WMPO
3. Wednesday-Thursday June 18-19	Ad Hoc Corrosion Panel	Las Vegas	L. Skousen, WMPO
4. Thursday-Friday June 19-20	SCP Chapter 7 Review	Washington, D.C.	M. Blanchard, WMPO
5. Wednesday-Friday May 16-18	SCP Chapter 6 Review	Washington, D.C.	M. Blanchard, WMPO

C. Internal Project and DOE/NV Meeting

1. Tuesday, June 17	DOE/NV Manager's Review	Las Vegas	B. West, WMPO
2. Tuesday-Thursday June 17-19	Systems Engineering Peer Review	Las Vegas	L. Skousen, WMPO
3. Friday, June 27	Seismic Hazard Methodology Meeting	Las Vegas	J. Rotert, WMPO
4. Tuesday-Wednesday July 1-2	PM-TPO Meeting	Las Vegas	J. Fiore, SAIC
5. Tuesday, July 8	SOC Meeting	Las Vegas	U. Clanton, WMPO
6. Monday-Friday, July 14-18	Los Alamos QA Audit	Los Alamos, New Mexico	J. Blaylock, WMPO

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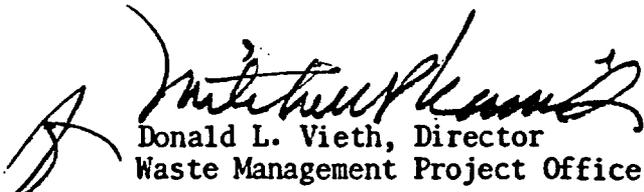
D. State and Public Interaction

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
1. Monday-Thursday, June 16-19	American Nuclear Society Annual Meeting	Reno	---
2. Tuesday, June 17	Nye County Commissioner's Meeting	Tonopah	B. West, WMPO
3. Thursday, June 19	Speech to MENSA	Las Vegas	B. West, WMPO
4. Wednesday-Friday, June 25-27	USNCTT Meeting, Don Vieth	Washington, D.C.	B. West, WMPO

E. NRC Interaction

None to report.

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