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DATE: July 30, 1986  
SUBJECT: DOE Weekly Report

Please find enclosed the above-referenced report received in this office, i.e., for week ending July 24, 1986.

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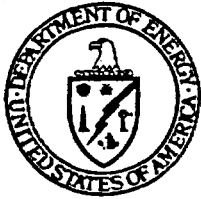
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William J. Purcell, Director, Office of Geologic Repositories, DOE/HQ  
(RW-20) FORS

NEVADA NUCLEAR WASTE STORAGE INVESTIGATIONS (NNWSI) PROJECT WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS  
FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 24, 1986.

### I. Project Manager's Concerns

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

Issue	Status	First Report Date
1. 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
2. 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
3. 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

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| 4. 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 |
| 5. 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 |
| 6. 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 |
| 7. 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 |
| 8. Letter to Jim Knight dated June 11 asks what role his office will play in preparations for the Jack Perry (NRC) visit to Nevada that is tentatively scheduled for July 31 - August 1. (86-1438)            | Due July 1, 1986.   | 06/19/86 |
| 9. Draft NNWSI Project Charter sent to Cassella on June 26 to obtain necessary signatures from headquarters personnel. (86-1573)  | Due July 17, 1986.  | 07/03/86 |

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## II. Significant Accomplishments/Information Items

The State grant has been signed by Bob Loux and delivered to the Waste Management Project Office (WMPO).

Town Hall meetings were held in Ely and Lund on July 16 and 17, respectively. The meetings are part of the Nevada Operations Office Community Monitoring Program. Mitch Kunich briefed the attendees on the Waste Management Program. Approximately 40 people attended at Ely, and about 20 attended the Lund meeting. Briefings were well received.

The Quality Assurance Level Assignment (QALA) and associated scientific investigation plan (SIP) were approved by the WMPO for the Los Alamos Mineralogy and Petrology task, so work can resume on the task. The SIPs for the Los Alamos sorption and prototype geochemical testing tasks have been completed and the QALA for the Integrated Data System task is in internal review at Los Alamos. The QALA and SIP for the prototype air coring task were modified per guidance received from Los Alamos QA and resubmitted for internal review.

An Administrative Record has been filed with the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in Case Number 86-7311 (the State of Nevada's challenge to grant restrictions concerning use of funds for litigation against the federal government). The due date for filing the certified index of documents for the other future petitions (Case numbers 86-7307 through 7310) filed by the State has been extended by the Court to August 7. Additionally, the Department of Justice has filed a motion on behalf of the Department of Energy (DOE) to transfer those four petitions to the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

The final draft of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) QA Manual was delivered to WMPO for approval.

A civil engineer intern has been added to the Technical Development and Engineering Branch. Eugene Rodriguez joined that Branch and will be working in subsurface repository design.

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II. Upcoming EventsA. Coordination Group Meetings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
1. None to report.			

B. HQ Meetings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
1. Thursday-Friday July 24-25	EMMP Working Group	Seattle, WA	B. Jankus, WMPO
2. Tuesday-Wednesday, July 29-30	Consultation and Cooperation Training	Denver, CO	B. West, WMPO

C. Internal Project and DOE/NV Meeting

1. Thursday-Friday, July 24-25	ESTP Committee Meeting	Livermore, CA	D. Irby, WMPO
2. Monday-Friday, July 31-August 1	GAO Audit, WMPO	Las Vegas	B. West, WMPO
3. Monday-Friday, August 4-8	WMPO QA Audit	Las Vegas	J. Blaylock WMPO
4. Tuesday, August 5	SOC Meeting	Las Vegas	U. Clanton WMPO
5. Wednesday-Friday, August 6-8	PM-TPO Meeting	Las Vegas	J. Fiore, SAIC
6. Tuesday, August 19	NV Manager's Meeting	Las Vegas	B. West, WMPO

D. State and Public Interaction

1. Monday-Friday, August 4-8	National Council of State Legislators	New Orleans, LA	W. Dixon WMPO
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E. NRC Interaction

1. Thursday,  
July 31

DOE/NRC Draft Waste  
Acceptance Criteria  
Meeting

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J. Szymanski,  
WMPO



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