

AUG 29 1986

U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Distribution:

WM
WMRP
CF
SBilhorn
& r/f

TRIP REPORT

Page 1 of 2

NRC Form 402 049	
TO: James E. Kennedy Newton K. Stablein	TRAVELER FROM Susan G. Bilhorn BRANCH NMSS/WM/WMRP
PLACES VISITED NRC Office - Nevada	DATE OF TRIP July 30, 1986 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
PERSONS CONTACTED J. Blaylock - NNWSI/QA S. Metta - SAIC/QA	

PURPOSE OF TRIP
 The purpose of this trip was to conduct a quarterly meeting with the ORs. In conjunction with this meeting Mike Bell, Paul Prestholt and I met with Jim Blaylock, and Steve Metta to discuss the status of NNWSI QA, especially with regard to the current stopwork orders.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS
 I started the meeting by giving a brief rundown of our activities in QA (i.e., proposals for mini audits and GTPs). J. Blaylock reviewed briefly the status of stopwork orders at USGS, 3 labs, Reeco and SAIC. The stop work on USGS and SNL were the same but somewhat different from those for the other labs and SAIC due to work types. USGS has identified what activities are to continue (31), this and other information pertaining to stopwork will be sent to NRC as per our request at this meeting. Essentially all activity at the site are on hold with exception of an inspection of Reeco drill rigs for recertification as needed prior to restart (OSHA requirements). The biggest problems with participants seem to be as follows (see attached - cont.):

- PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED**
- o NNWSI is concerned that DWM endorsement of NQA-1 be done in a manner to address lab versus engineering QA requirements.
 - o NNWSI indicated that it may take greater than 6 months to lift all stopworks currently in affect.
 - o NNWSI plans to notify participants of problems encountered with the stopwork orders and responses so as to improve the process.

- PENDING ACTIONS**
- o Add NNWSI QA to formal/informal distribution on related documents/memos generated by NRC.
 - o NNWSI will send NRC correspondence between NNWSI and participants regarding stopwork responses,

WM Record File 102 WM Project 11
 Docket No. _____
 PDR
 LPDR

RECOMMENDATIONS

B610240017 B60829
 PDR WASTE
 WM-11 PDR

Distribution: _____

 (Return to WM, 623-SS)

Susan G. Bilhorn
 SIGNATURE - TRAVELER

87030080F # Aug 25 1986
 DATE

1152

follow: SNL is having difficulty with stopping work at Bechtel and Parsons Brinkerhoff - due to the contractual agreements. SNL has recently revised the QA plans based on previous comments from NNWSI, but will apparently still take the longest time to start up (possibly 6 months or more). NNWSI indicated that due to these time-frames, getting an adequate QA program in place is a concern regarding schedule for issuance of the SCPs. LLNL decided to handle all activities as Q-Level I until proven otherwise therefore their activities will continue as soon as the Q-Level I program is in place. ReeCo stop work was based primarily on management inattention to problems in the QA program.

NNWSI admitted that they are not satisfied with the slow responses received on the stopwork orders. These were first-time efforts which have served to define authority and the process of stopping work at participants and prime contractors in this program. Blaylock indicated that NNWSI does plan to identify problems experienced with each stopwork to the organization involved in order to improve the process and define their expectations in the case of future stopworks.

A steering committee, chaired by Martha Pendleton, has been working on the core handling problems focusing on: integrity of current core samples; procedures for handling new samples; and recommendations for the new core library. Paul Prestholt is attending the committee meetings as an observer. NNWSI plans to evaluate the need for qualification of existing data related to core previously collected as a next step in resolution of the core handling problems.

cc: Prestholt
Bell
Linehan
Hedges
Donnelly (IE)