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SUBJECT: DOE Weekly Report

Please find enclosed the above-referenced report received in this office, i.e., for week ending December 18, 1987.

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NEVADA NUCLEAR WASTE STORAGE INVESTIGATIONS (NNWSI) PROJECT WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 18, 1987

I. Critical Items Status

A. Site Characterization Plan (SCP)

Production of the Consultation Draft of the SCP remains on schedule for the January 8, 1988, release date. Final camera ready copy of the SCP was completed this week. This camera ready copy will be delivered to the printer on December 21, 1987.

New U.S. Department of Energy/Headquarters (DOE/HQ) guidance was received on submittal of study plans with the SCP. The DOE/HQ has specified that exploratory shaft construction-phase study plans will be provided with the final draft SCP. No study plans will be issued with the Consultation Draft.

B. Core Sample Management

None to report.

II. Significant Accomplishments/Information Items

Although field activities have resumed at the Nevada Test Site following the resolution of recent labor union disputes, prototype testing in the G-tunnel is still on hold. Decisions on initiating the prototype testing program will be made as the fiscal year (FY) 1988 budget and pending legislation are clarified.

Draft briefing packages were developed by Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) staff for use by the DOE/HQ and Weston in management briefings on the Draft Project Office Interim Report on the Surface-based Testing Program Plan in support of the process for evaluating the disqualifying conditions of 10 CFR Part 960 on the basis of surface-based testing. These briefing packages were delivered to the DOE/HQ on December 16, 1987.



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A meeting of the Integrated Data System (IDS) Implementation Committee was held on December 15. The committee reviewed the IDS Title I, Phase 1 and 2, Design Document, and reviewed test schedules and associated channel requirements for experiments planned in the exploratory shaft facility.

Carl Gertz (Project Manager, Waste Management Project Office [WMPO]) and Ed Kay (Acting Director of the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management) gave a short presentation to the Nevada Commission on Nuclear Projects on December 15, 1987.

The NNWSI Project quarterly DOE/HQ review meeting was held in Las Vegas, Nevada, on December 16. Significant topics discussed during the meeting included (1) a timely consideration of the prerequisites for project-related field work, (2) the upcoming SCP plenary sessions (scheduled for January 28-29, 1988) that will include the states, affected Indian tribes, and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), and (3) study plans. Ed Kay lead a contingent that included 12 representatives of DOE/HQ at the meeting. Also in attendance was John Anttonen, Project Manager of the Basalt Waste Isolation Project (BWIP).

On December 17, 1987, Carl P. Gertz attended the DOE/HQ quarterly meeting at the BWIP.

The NNWSI Project Management Plan, dated October 1987 (MSA Milestone R448), was submitted to DOE/HQ for review and concurrence on December 16, 1987.

The WMPO transmitted the following item to DOE/HQ for review: Revision 1 of the NNWSI Project Environmental Monitoring and Mitigation Plan and its associated Computer Aided Design, thus satisfying Level I milestones P034 and T193 (respectively).

Los Alamos National Laboratory has transmitted the "IDS Preliminary Design Documents" to the WMPO, thus satisfying Milestone R612.

III. Upcoming Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
A. <u>Coordinating Group Meetings</u>			
None to report.			
B. <u>HQ Meetings</u>			
Tuesday, December 22	FY 1988 funding meeting	Washington, DC	V. Davis, WMPO
Thursday, January 7	SCP plenary dry run	Washington, DC	V. Davis, WMPO

C. Internal Project and DOE/NV Meetings

Tuesday, January 19	DOE/NV Manager's meeting	Las Vegas, NV	V. Davis, WMPO
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D. State and Public Interaction

Thursday-Friday, January 28-29	SCP plenary sessions	Denver, CO	M. Blanchard, WMPO
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E. NRC Interaction

Thursday-Friday, January 28-29	SCP plenary sessions	Denver, CO	M. Blanchard, WMPO
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F. Other

Monday, December 21	American Nuclear Society meeting (Senator Chic Hecht will speak re: Yucca Mountain)	Las Vegas, NV	J. Fiore, SAIC
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