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SUBJECT: DOE Weekly Report

Please find enclosed the above-referenced report received in this office, i.e., for week ending January 15, 1988.

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NEVADA NUCLEAR WASTE STORAGE INVESTIGATIONS (NNWSI) PROJECT WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING JANUARY 15, 1988

I. Critical Items Status

A. Site Characterization Plan (SCP)

Planning and preparations for the SCP consultation draft workshops to be held between the project, U.S. Department of Energy/Headquarters (DOE/HQ), and the state continued this week. A meeting of NNWSI Project staff was held on January 13 in Las Vegas, Nevada. The meeting served to brief project participants on the proposed format for the Plenary general meeting scheduled for January 28-29 in Reno, Nevada, and the Interaction Workshops to be held during February and March 1988. Project participants then prepared draft presentation outlines and viewgraphs for the Interaction Workshops.

Work on the Index for the SCP remains on schedule for the February 1, 1988, completion date. The Vax-based, computerized indexing software has been completed. An additional technical editor has been assigned to assist the staff preparing the index to assure completion of the project on time.

B. Core Sample Management

None to report.

II. Significant Accomplishments/Information Items

Although field activities have resumed at the Nevada Test Site (NTS) following the resolution of recent labor union disputes, prototype testing in the G-Tunnel is still on hold.

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) has satisfied Milestone P118 by completing all Pre-Tertiary geologic field work. This concludes a major task leading to the future preparation of the Bullfrog Quad map.

The Waste Management Project Office (WMPO) has approved the Fran Ridge test pit operations permit. The work order for the Fran Ridge test pit prototype shaft mapping has been issued to the NTS contractors.



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The authorization for the start of Title I Design activities for the NNWSI Exploratory Shaft Facility was given on January 13, 1988. Meetings were held in Las Vegas on Wednesday and Thursday, January 13-14, 1988, with representatives from DOE/HQ, Weston, and the project participants to discuss the Title I Design activities.

Formal training sessions on the Quality Program were held in Las Vegas on Monday and Tuesday, January 11-12, 1988. Representatives from WMPO, SAIC, and the other project participants were in attendance.

Five DOE/HQ and Weston staff members visited the Yucca Mountain site on January 11-15. The visit was a USGS/DOE field trip to the NTS facilities, Yucca Mountain, and regional geologic features of southern Nevada and southeastern California. Various WMPO, T&MSS, and project participant staff members provided support for this field trip.

On Tuesday, Carl Gertz (Project Manager, WMPO) appeared on a local television interview program to answer media concerns relative to the proposed nuclear waste repository at Yucca Mountain. Issues addressed included (1) potential seismic hazards at the site, (2) the level of safety in transporting waste to the site and potential transport routes, (3) the jobs the installation of the repository will create and their economic impact, and (4) the states' rights concerning site characterization and their veto power over the project.

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>Headquarters Meetings</u>			
None to report.			
C. <u>Internal Project and DOE/Nevada Operations Office (NV) Meetings</u>			
Monday-Tuesday, January 18-19	Seismic Design Basis Parameter Working Group Meeting	Las Vegas, NV	M. Blanchard WMPO
Tuesday, January 19	DOE/NV Manager's Meeting	Las Vegas, NV	V. Davis, WMPO

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Wednesday-Thursday, January 20-21	Project Manager and Technical Project Officers Meeting	Las Vegas, NV	J. Fiore, SAIC
Wednesday-Friday, January 20-22	Design Interface Group Meeting	Albuquerque, NM	L. Skousen WMPO
Tuesday, February 9	Sample Overview Committee Meeting	Las Vegas, NV	U. Clanton, WMPO
D. <u>State and Public Interaction</u>			
Thursday-Friday, January 28-29	SCP Plenary Sessions	Reno, NV	M. Blanchard, WMPO
E. <u>NRC Interaction</u>			
Thursday-Friday, January 28-29	SCP Plenary Sessions	Reno, NV	M. Blanchard, WMPO
F. <u>Other</u>			
Monday, January 25	Project Manager Meets with Mayor of Las Vegas	Las Vegas, NV	V. Davis, WMPO
Friday, February 5	Bureau of Land Management Meeting (Project Manager will speak)	Las Vegas, NV	V. Davis, WMPO
Tuesday, February 16	Northern Nevada Association of Busi- ness Economists meeting (Project Manager will speak)	Reno, NV	V. Davis, WMPO

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