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Please find enclosed the above-referenced report received in this office, i.e., for week ending November 20, 1987.

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NEVADA NUCLEAR WASTE STORAGE INVESTIGATIONS (NNWSI) PROJECT WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 20, 1987

I. Critical Items Status

U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)--The four generic conditions identified for rescinding the stop-work order on technical and scientific activities have been satisfied. Hence, the lifting of the stop-work order is now incremental with the WMPO approval of the Scientific Investigations Plans (SIPs) and associated Quality Assurance Level Assignments (QALAs).

Fourteen SIPs are currently in review at WMPO, five of which are for on-going activities.

A. Site Characterization Plan (SCP)

SCP Production activities are on schedule. The SCP was delivered to the printer on November 20, 1987. Sixty copies of the Consultative Draft will be prepared for distribution for the Nevada Operations Office/Office of Geologic Repositories (NV/OGR) concurrence review. Review copies will be delivered to the U.S. Department of Energy/Headquarters (DOE/HQ) for this review on November 23, 1987. The Draft of Section 8.0 was received from DOE/HQ and integrated into the ongoing production cycle.

Section 8.5 was included in the production copy that was submitted to the printer. Originally, it had been thought that Section 8.5 would follow the rest of the SCP text.

A meeting on planning for release of the Consultative Draft of the SCP was held in Washington, D.C., on November 16, 1987. This meeting included planning for the workshops and interactions to be held with the states and Indian tribes to review the Consultative Draft.

January 8, 1988, remains a firm date for the release of the Consultative Draft.



B. Core Sample Management

None to report.

II. Significant Accomplishments/Information Items

All field activities related to prototype testing at the Nevada Test Site remain suspended due to labor union disputes.

Sandia National Laboratories (SNL) submitted documentation of the status of technical procedures for Q1 Technical Data Management activities to the WMPO for review. This work represents a major accomplishment in preparation for Q1 Operation and use of the Technical Data Base and satisfies Milestone M294.

NNWSI, OGR, and SRPO met on November 17, 1987, for a presentation by BWI on their approach to satisfying payment-equal-to-taxes. Personnel participating in this meeting also met on November 18, 1987, to present the DOE/HQ definition of site to the affected states and local governments.

SAIC submitted a draft of the NNWSI Management Plan to WMPO for review and approval. The final plan is scheduled for delivery to HQ the first week in January 1988.

The WMPO held a successful meeting with NNWSI Project participants concerning the use of drillhole USW-G4 core in licensing. Topics covered were:

1. The procedural and documentation history of drillhole USW-G4.
2. Analysis of the technical data confirming the borehole stratigraphy.
3. The technical evidence which could be used for traceability of core samples to drillhole USW-G4.

The NNWSI Project supported the FY 1988 Program Planning meeting held in Washington, D.C. on November 17-18, 1987. Presentations were given that identified the Project's budgetary needs for FY 1988 along with a prioritized list of activities planned for completion at each of the third level Work Breakdown Structure elements.

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III. Upcoming Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
A. <u>Coordinating Group Meetings</u>			
Tuesday, December 1-3	Institutional Socio- economic Coordinating group	Las Vegas, NV	E. Lundgaard, WMPO
B. <u>HQ Meetings</u>			
None to report.			
C. <u>Internal Project and DOE/NV Meetings</u>			
Monday-Tuesday, November 23-24	Project Manager and TPO meeting	Las Vegas, NV	J. Fiore SAIC
Tuesday, December 8	Sample Overview Committee meeting	Las Vegas, NV	U. Clanton, WMPO
Tuesday, December 22	DOE/NV Manager's meeting	Las Vegas, NV	V. Davis, WMPO
D. <u>State and Public Interaction</u>			
None to report.			
E. <u>NRC Interaction</u>			
None to report.			
F. <u>Other</u>			
Friday, December 18	Meeting of the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce (Project Manager will speak)	Las Vegas, NV	V. Davis, WMPO



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