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DATE: November 23, 1987 *PP*
SUBJECT: LETTER DATED NOVEMBER 3, 1987, FROM THE STATE OF NEVADA
TO WMPO REGARDING WORKSHOPS

Please find enclosed the above-referenced letter with
handwritten note, which was received in this office
today.

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PAUL:

GERTZ'S VERBAL
RESPONSE TO THIS LETTER
WAS THIS WORKSHOP
SCHEDULE IS UNACCEPTABLE.
HE INDICATED SUPPORT
FOR 3 WORKSHOPS MAXIMUM.
LOUX INDICATED 3
WORKSHOPS INSUFFICIENT.
PRESENTLY THERE IS AN
IMPASSE, BUT MORE
DISCUSSIONS ARE SUGGESTED
OVER NEXT FEW WEEKS.
STATE OBJECTIVE IN
SCP WORKSHOPS IS FOR
DOE TO DESCRIBE
THEIR PLAN SO WE
WILL UNDERSTAND. CARL



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November 3, 1987

Mr. Carl P. Gertz, Director
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Dear Mr. Gertz:

This letter is in response to your requests regarding the State's input into the development and implementation of workshops or other forums related to the Department of Energy's (DOE) consultative draft of the Site Characterization Plan (SCP) for Yucca Mountain. As I have indicated to you previously, the ability of the State of Nevada to participate in these DOE meetings is conditioned in a couple of ways. First, that the State receives all SCP-related plans, programs, studies and the like prior to the commencement of these workshops. I envision that this will include not only the SCP, but all of the technical field study plans, the environmental program plan, environmental regulatory compliance plan, environmental field study plan, the environmental monitoring and mitigation plan, the socioeconomic field study plan and the socioeconomic monitoring and mitigation plans. Next, that the technical staff of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission be present at and be a participant in these aforementioned workshops.

Proposed below is an outline of the type of consultative draft workshops that this Office believes would be important for the DOE to undertake in order to describe what it knows about the site currently and for the DOE to demonstrate an understanding of what information needs to be obtained not only to prepare for a license application, but also for an environmental impact statement.

RECOMMENDED WORKSHOP OUTLINE

1st The first workshop should be a management overview of the Site Characterization Plan and site characterization activities that I envision as a generic introductory session on the entire subject. This workshop should be conducted somewhere around four weeks after the release of the consultative draft. In addition to providing a general overview, it should clearly demonstrate the linkages between the SCP and the technical study plans, the complete environmental program, and the complete socioeconomic program. Based upon a successful demonstration of these important linkages, the Department then should proceed to the second tier.

2nd A series of technical topics workshops should be held that review the individual technical topics described in Chapters 1-7 of the draft SCP. These workshops should focus on demonstrating a thorough and complete understanding of the existing conditions at the site and the data that support the Department's understanding of those conditions. In short, DOE should describe everything it knows about the site, and should continue to pay special attention to the need to demonstrate linkages between all of the related sub-plans and activities including socioeconomics and the environment and how they relate to the other aspects of the program. A discussion of historic activities in these areas should be included.

3rd The Department should conduct a workshop or workshops specifically and exclusively related to topics treated in Chapter 8. Again, the focus of this series of workshops should be for the Department to demonstrate not only what information and data need to be collected and why, but how the comprehensive program strategy incorporates the individual study and data collection efforts with, once again, linkages being clearly described regarding the impact of such activities on the environment and the social and economic fabric of the area.

4th The DOE should conduct a wrap-up-type workshop which should clearly demonstrate how the Site Characterization Plan is coordinated and integrated leading toward the submission of a license application to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission as well as the preparation of an environmental impact statement.

I hope that you find this proposal concerning conduct of these workshops useful. Of course, it is our requirement that

all of these workshops be available to any interested party on an observer status in addition to any public workshops which may be planned. Additionally, we have not as yet reviewed this recommended workshop outline with the affected local governments. As I anticipate consulting with them in the very near future, this recommended outline should be considered tentative until such input is received.

I would be happy to work with you in planning the actual logistics for conducting these workshops. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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