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Memorandum For: Robert E. Browning, Director
Division of Waste Management

From: Paul T. Prestholt, Sr. OLR, NNWSI

Subject: NNWSI Site Report for Week of March 19, 1984

1. Spoke with Marty Lopez-Nagle. Part time secretary position (20 hrs.) for the Las Vegas NRC office will be advertised in the Sunday, March 25, Las Vegas Review-Journal.

2. Spoke with Mrs. Cox, NRC Telecommunications Branch and alerted her to the need for telephones in the new office complex by April 2, 1984. We may not have FTS service right away.

3. Met with Dr. Vieth twice during the week. The NNWSI had critiqued the Technical Position concerning Design Information Requirements (copy attached) and forwarded it to H.Q. DOE on Jan. 25, 1984.

I requested of Dr. Vieth that I be invited to attend the T.P.O. meetings held once a month. Dr. Vieth said no, the TPO's would feel inhibeted by an NRC presence. I reminded Dr. Vieth that the State of Nevada regularly attends these meetings. He answered that

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the state is not DOE's regulator. I told Dr. Vieth that it was going to be very difficult for me to be informed about the progress of the NNWSI program if my presence was going to be intimidating to the TPO's and this was going to control my access to the people working on the program. Dr. Vieth stated that he recognizes the problem and that the TPO's must be educated to accept the NRC presence and cooperate. He said he is working on it and that the problem should be resolved in a few months.

4. I spent a day at the test site with Ralph Richards learning the way to the various areas of interest (Yucca Mtn., E-MAD, G-Tunnel, Climax). The vehicle assigned to the NRC is very satisfactory.

5. Dr. Vieth gave me a copy of the NNWSI Mid-Year Review presented in Germantown March 5-8, 1984. I may not copy but I did call John Stamer and John Greeves and read portions of the report to them. I will finish the review this week.

Paul Prestholt
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