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DATE: November 29, 1989

SUBJECT: DOE WEEKLY REPORT

Please find enclosed the above-referenced report received in this office, i.e., for week ending November 17, 1989.

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YUCCA MOUNTAIN PROJECT WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 17, 1989

I. Critical Item Status

A. Site Characterization Plan (SCP) Progress Reports

The draft of the Yucca Mountain Project Biannual Status Report is being revised to incorporate comments received during the November 8 and 9, 1989, Project Integration Group meeting. After approval from the Yucca Mountain Project Office (Project Office), the report will be transmitted to the U.S. Department of Energy/Headquarters (DOE/HQ).

SCP Study Plan Status: November 17, 1989

A meeting was held on November 15, 1989, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, between Program, Project Office, and participant staff to evaluate the study plan processes. The meeting agenda included discussions of methodologies and recommendations to expedite the preparation, review, and revision of the plans.

STUDY PLAN BREAKDOWN

Project Office Acceptance Review. . .	1
Revision.	0
Project Review.	0
Post-Project Office Revision. . . .	0
Parallel Project Office/HQ Review . .	2
HQ Review (Project Office Review complete)	8
Awaiting comment resolution	6
Post HQ Revision.	7
Project Office/HQ Audit	2
To HQ for NRC submission.	1
NRC Acceptance Review	7
Revision	0
NRC Start-Work Review	0
Revision	0
NRC Acceptance	0
Total	34

B. Core Sample Management

Tours of the Sample Management Facility were conducted for representatives from the Clark County Department of Planning and a consultant to Sandia National Laboratories (SNL), W. Carr.

The core gamma scanner was received and installed. It will be used in the core qualification efforts.

C. Quality Assurance (QA)

The qualification audit of Los Alamos National Laboratory is being held this week.

The Yucca Mountain Project Glossary, YMP/89-15, was issued as a controlled document on November 6, 1989. The glossary serves as an annex to the Project Management Plan and defines standard usage of terminology within the project.

D. Exploratory Shaft Facility (ESF)

The draft plan for Evaluating Alternatives for the Site Characterization ESF was revised to incorporate DOE/HQ comments and modifications by SNL. SNL is preparing the final version for submittal to the Project Office. A meeting will be held on November 21, 1989, with the architect/engineers and DOE/HQ staff to identify specific tasks for implementation of the alternative evaluation effort.

A meeting was held to facilitate reassignment of the preparation of the Waste Package Program Plan to Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. A concentrated effort is planned to prepare a draft plan by the end of December 1989.

Formal approval was received from SNL to submit the revised ESF Subsystems Design Requirements Document (SDRD) as a Change Request to the Change Control Board (CCB). After approval by the CCB, this version of the ESF SDRD will be issued as Revision 1, replacing Revision 0.

E. Long Range Planning and Project Planning and Control System (PACS)

Participants are continuing to plan summary accounts. The PACS team is in the process of inputting data and reviewing and resolving comments. System development is continuing in parallel with data receipt, input, and resolution.

The "Introduction to PACS" training module was given to Holmes & Narver staff on November 14, 1989.

F. Environmental Permitting

The Environmental Protection Implementation Plan, as required by DOE Order 5400.1, was completed and submitted through the DOE/Nevada Operations Office for transmittal to DOE/HQ.

G. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board (NWTIRB) Meetings and Interactions

Work continued on the development of a draft agenda outline for the upcoming formal meeting with the NWTIRB. The meeting is scheduled for December 11-12, 1989, in Denver, Colorado.

II. Significant Accomplishments/Information Items

Project institutional staff drafted copy for two new leaflets about the Clark County and Nye County Information Offices. Preliminary arrangements were made to staff an Office of Civilian and Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM) exhibit at the Council of State Governments Summit meeting to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, on December 3-6, 1989.

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Draft versions of OCRWM's licensing protocols for the conduct of DOE/U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) technical meetings and NRC site visits were reviewed. Comments were prepared and transmitted to DOE/HQ for incorporation into revised protocols.

III. Upcoming Events

Please note that the usage of "(P)" in the Upcoming Events calendar indicates that the event is open to the public.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Participant</u>
A. <u>Coordinating Group Meetings</u>			
None.			
B. <u>HQ Meetings</u>			
Thursday, December 14	Program Management meeting	Washington, DC	C. Gertz, Project Office
Wednesday, January 18	Program Management meeting	Washington, DC	C. Gertz, Project Office
C. <u>Internal Project and DOE/Nevada Operations Office meetings</u>			
None.			
D. <u>State and Public Interactions</u>			
Saturday, November 18	Presentation to the Nevada Science Teachers	Elko, NV	J. Younker, SAIC
Sunday- Wednesday, November 26-29	Presentation to the American Nuclear Society 1989 Winter Meeting (P)	San Francisco, CA	C. Gertz, Project Office
Wednesday, November 29	Presentation to the U.S. Council on Energy Awareness Program Committee (P)	Las Vegas, NV	A. C. Robison, Project Office
Monday, December 18	Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Land Withdrawal Public Meetings (P)	Reno, NV	C. Gertz, Project Office

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D. State and Public Interactions (continued)

Tuesday, December 19	BLM Land Withdrawal Public Meetings (P)	Las Vegas, NV	C. Gertz, Project Office
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E. Yucca Mountain Project Tabletop Exhibit Showings (P)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Friday-Saturday, November 17-18	The Nevada State Science Teachers Association Conference	Elko, NV	M. Powell, Project Office

F. NRC Interactions

Tuesday, November 28	Technical exchange on Tectonics	Denver, CO	R. Dyer, Project Office
Wednesday, December 13	Bi-monthly QA meeting	Rockville, MD	E. Horton, Project Office
Tuesday- Wednesday, December 19-20	Draft Technical Position on Seismic Hazards	TBD	D. Dobson, Project Office
January (tentative)	Technical exchange on Data Management	TBD	R. Barton, Project Office

G. Other

Monday-Tuesday, November 20-21	NWTRB Volcanology Field Trip	Yucca Mtn., NV	C. Fridrich, Project Office
Monday-Tuesday, December 11-12	NWTRB Hydrogeology and Geochemistry Panel	Denver, CO	M. Blanchard, Project Office



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