

STUDY PLAN COVER LETTER

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Mr. Ralph Stein, Associate Director
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Dear Mr. Stein:

Enclosed with this letter is the meeting summary for the December 15, 1988 NRC-DOE meeting on study plans. Representatives from the State of Nevada and Clark County, Nevada also attended and participated.

One significant concern discussed in the meeting is that the study plans for ongoing activities were not scheduled to accompany the Site Characterization Plan (SCP) as agreed to in the May, 1986 NRC-DOE Level-of-Detail for Site Characterization Plans and Study Plans Meeting. Although the study plans are not needed to review the SCP, NRC staff considers that completion of these study plans needs to receive highest priority since they deal with ongoing activities. NRC staff requested that DOE provide the following information within a month of release of the SCP: a list of (1) all ongoing activities; (2) which study plan covers each ongoing activity; and (3) the date on which each of those study plans is scheduled for release. To date, NRC has not received the requested information on study plans for ongoing activities.

During the meeting DOE emphasized that study plans are not stand alone documents and that reviewers of study plans need to be knowledgeable of the related content within the SCP. NRC recognizes the relationship between the SCP and study plans and, as part of its review of study plans, will be evaluating the consistency of the information in the SCP and the study plans. One potential concern is inadvertent inconsistencies between ongoing study plans and SCP content, inasmuch as those study plans may have been developed in parallel with the Consultation Draft Site Characterization Plan (COSCP) rather than the SCP. Prior to submittal of any study plans, DOE should verify that they are totally consistent with the SCP.

Should you have any questions on this letter or the enclosure, please contact King Stablein (492-0446) of my staff.

Sincerely,

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