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JUNE 1, 1984, WORKING DRAFT OF THE NNWSI PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Enclosed is copy of the current draft (June 1, 1984) NNWSI Project Environmental Assessment (EA), Chapters 2 through 6 for information. The Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, Office of Geologic Repository Deployment, is preparing Chapters 1, 7, Section 4.1 and Appendix A. When drafts of these chapters, Section 4.1, and the Appendix become available, we will forward them to you.

Due to a clerical oversight, a copy of the NNWSI Project Draft EA was not sent to your office on May 31, 1984, as intended. Please accept my apology for any inconvenience or concern this error may have caused you or your staff. A copy of the draft EA has also been provided to Paul Prestholt, NRC Site Representative.

If there are any questions concerning the contents of the enclosed working draft, please contact Maxwell B. Blanchard of my staff (702-295-1091 or FTS 575-1091).

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SUBMITTAL OF WORKING DRAFT CHAPTERS 2 THROUGH 6 OF THE NNWSI PROJECT
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA)

We are enclosing one copy of the draft Chapters 2 through 6 of the NNWSI Project EA. This draft EA is a revision of our February 29, 1984 draft and has been through a technical overview and project management review by the project participants (USGS, LLNL, LANL, SNL, SAI). These draft chapters were prepared in accordance with draft 10CFR960, November 18, 1984. They, therefore, do not incorporate the changes to 10CFR960 that have been submitted by DOE to NRC to secure NRC's concurrence on the Siting Guidelines.

There are approximately 50 technical reports still in the publication process which support the evaluations and conclusions in this draft EA relevant to the 10CFR960 technical guidelines. Until all of these reports are published by the project organizations, the data, analyses, and position statements must be considered tentative. All of these reports are expected to be published before the EA's are formally issued to the public.

The most recent technical overview and management review of this draft EA has identified some inconsistencies which will be resolved in the future as our EA rewrite team continues to improve the quality of the draft chapters.

The following items have not yet been incorporated into this draft due to confusing guidance, insufficient data or analyses, unavailability of design or inadequate time:

1. Remaining issues from technical overview and TPO review that could not be resolved in time to be included in June 1 draft.
2. Data analyses from SRPO and RL to complete those technical guidelines calling for comparisons (e.g., ease and cost of construction).
3. Mission Plan related items (i.e., lag storage, two exploratory shafts, five year old waste, burn-up, repository options, and schedules).
4. NRC approved version of 10CFR960.
5. Editing to improve clarity and flow for the reader who is not a scientist or engineer.

Our previous letter (Vieth to Bennett, May 25, 1984, WMPO:MBB-586) explains that the time required to incorporate item 3 above is 30 weeks. Our estimate for item 4 above is four weeks, and for item 5 above is not yet planned.

If you have any questions, contact me or Maxwell Blanchard of my staff.

for Mitchell Skene
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Enclosure:
(June 1, 1984 draft chapters 2-6
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