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SUBJECT: HANFORD BASALT WASTE ISOLATION PROJECT (BWIP) MATERIAL
 FOR COMMISSIONER GILINSKY

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As promised in telephone conversation of November 18, 1982, the following summarizes the status of the BWIP project. This project is currently the leading site, from a schedule point of view, in the DOE high-level waste repository site characterization program.

Present Status

- Site Characterization Report was received from DOE on November 12.
- Review and analysis of SCR is now underway by NRC staff.
- NRC staff Draft Site Characterization Analysis is expected to be released for public comment about April 1, 1983.
- Construction of an exploratory shaft at BWIP is expected to be started in February 1983.

Institutional Relations

- Briefing to the Washington High-Level Nuclear Waste Management Task Force was given by the Division of Waste Management on November 15.
- Similar briefing to the Yakima Indian Tribal Council was presented on November 16.

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Federal Register Notices

- ° The attached notices by DOE and by NRC describe issuance and receipt respectively of the Site Characterization Report. The NRC notice also provides a brief description of the pre-licensing SCR review process.


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