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NOTE TO: Marie E. Page, Contract Administrator
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SUBJECT: CONTRACT NO. NRC-02-84-001 ENTITLED "TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
IN GEOPHYSICAL METHODS FOR SITE CHARACTERIZATION", WESTON
GEOPHYSICAL CORPORATION, POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Enclosed is a copy of a letter sent to Richard Holt, president of Weston Geophysical Corporation, from James E. Mecca, leader of the DOE Basalt Waste Isolation Project Licensing Team. Mecca has requested that Weston attend a meeting in Hanford, Washington and present a summary of the data collection they completed during their work for the Washington Public Power Supply System (WPPSS) and Puget Power, both in the Columbia Plateau of Washington State.

Since Weston Geophysical Corporation is now an NRC contractor, I am concerned that their participation in a DOE data search meeting may constitute a conflict of interest. Of particular concern is item number 4 in the letter. If Weston were to make suggestions on this topic, they would appear to be in a conflict of interest situation. On the other hand, if Weston were to go to this meeting simply to identify the data they collected in the Columbia Plateau, as a representative of WPPSS and Puget Power, I do not foresee any major problems.

Please advise me of the proper procedures in this case. In addition, Mecca is aware of my concern and wishes to discuss the problem with the appropriate NRC legal staff in the Division of Contracts. Thank you for your efforts in this matter.

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Enclosure:
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To: Richard Holt, President
Weston Geophysical

FROM: J. E. Mecca, Leader
Licensing Team, BWIPD

AGENDA FOR CONSULTANT DISCUSSIONS

Although DOE-RL and their principle contractor Rockwell, have been exposed to a great amount of the material generated for the commercial dockets on the Hanford Reservation added discussion is believed to be worthwhile at this time. The NRC is interested in not only the future Basalt Waste programs, but also those past programs which have produced data and information which have been utilized as building blocks and have meaningful contribution.

The request, therefore, being made at this time is that a frank and open discussion be carried out by the participants as to their past scope of work performed for the commercial utilities (WPPSS and Puget Power) on the Hanford Reservation and surrounding region. Of interest to DOE-RL and their contractor Rockwell is the following:

1. An index of the work performed and location map.
2. A statement as to the data availability and how filed on the commercial docket.
3. A statement on the data relevance, its importance and acceptability to the then reviewing bodies (NRC/USGS).
4. If possible its relevance to the repository site.
5. Availability of any proprietary or other commercial nuclear data not filed on the docket, but potentially available.
6. What is the condition of the QA records associated with the commercial nuclear data and respective availability.

If you have any questions regarding the above request please call me.