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SUBJECT Proposed Pre-SCR Workshops with NRC

TO D. Vieth, NV

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We understand that the chief purpose of the proposed workshops is to give NRC an early preview of the technical content of the SCR. Additionally, the workshops could provide us with some insight into NRC's thinking. However, we believe that six single-issue workshops dedicated to these ends is excessive, especially in view of the very purpose of writing a SCR in the first place. Additionally, the benefits to us from the BWIP-SCR workshops seem to have been marginal.

We suggest that you consider scaled-down versions of these workshops. A possible alternative would be to hold just two workshops, one dealing with the contents of Chapters 3 through 9, another dealing exclusively with Chapter 10, Issues and Plans. The first workshop could be held before the "writing lockout," thus allowing NRC's views to be considered in writing Chapter 10. Once Chapter 10 is in acceptable shape, we could then discuss it with NRC and again solicit their views before preparing the final SCR.

We believe that something along these lines will still allow NRC to come up to speed with the status of and plans for characterizing Yucca Mountain without putting a severe drain on our own manpower.

Please, let's discuss this before you make a commitment with Coplan.

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