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Dr. Dae Chung
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Dear Dr. Chung:

We have reviewed LLNL's Monthly Management Letter No. 16 dated August 9, 1984 and a subsequent letter dated August 15, 1984 containing the Attachment for Letter No. 16, that summarize progress under NRC FIN A-0294, for the month of July 1984. Progress to date appears satisfactory. We have the following comments:

GENERAL COMMENTS ON MONTHLY MANAGEMENT LETTERS

It is our goal to make the Monthly Management Letter (MML) a true summary of contract activities during a one month period. As such, it should contain only information such as, "Review of the NNWSI Environmental Assessment, Draft 4, is complete; our comments have been sent in a letter report dated August 23, 1984." We want to achieve as complete a separation as possible, of strictly management items from contract products. Draft letter reports, topical reports, trip reports and other items of substance may be submitted with the MML or at any other time. However, such items submitted with the MML should be packaged separately. In this way the project manager can respond to the MML in a more timely manner than the current 2 week turn-around. Products which may require review can be dealt with more thoroughly by the project manager.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION

Since Item 1 of the MML has been deleted, eliminate the title-only reference and renumber items 2 through 6 accordingly.

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General Accomplishments

Beginning with the second paragraph, information presented here should have been in a separate letter report submitted either at another time or with the MML as appropriate.

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Progress on Specific Sites

BWIP

The draft STP has been given to Kristin Westbrook, BWIP lead for the Geology/Geophysics, for her review and use. Review of the BWIP draft EA was tasked in a letter to you dated July 30, 1984. This letter also tasked you with the review of the NNWSI draft EA which you have begun. I expect these reviews to be complete in early September.

NNWSI

We have no comments.

SALTS

I expect the reviews of the Davis Canyon and Lavender Canyon salt site draft EA's will be completed by the end of August in accordance with the July 26, 1984 task letter. The draft EA's for the other salt sites have been sent to you for your information only; I do not expect you to formally review these draft EA's.

Project Coordination

This subsection is more appropriate under section 6, Project Concerns. Please include this subsection in section 6 in future MML's.

PLANS FOR NEXT MONTH

The review of the draft EA's (NNWSI, BWIP, and the two Paradox Basin sites) are to be completed prior to the forthcoming contractors meeting during the week beginning September 10.

ESTIMATED PROJECT FINANCIAL STATUS

The cost analysis figures for July indicate expenditures of \$10,000 above the average monthly expenditures for the first three quarters of FY 1984 (\$24K/mo.). This higher expenditure rate is commensurate with the level of fourth quarter tasking.

LIST OF CONSULTANTS/SUBCONTRACTORS

We have no comments.

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PROJECT CONCERNS

Increased contract activity during the fourth quarter of FY 1984 may result in a lesser carryover into FY 1985. A request for supplemental funding for FY 1985 to cover a shortfall is under consideration.

The action taken by this letter is considered to be within the scope of the current contract (A-0294). No change to cost or delivery of contracted products is authorized. Please notify me immediately if you believe this letter would result in changes or delivery of contracted products.

Sincerely,

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cc: L. Lynn Cleland

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