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Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of Contract NRC-02-84-001, we have enclosed the Trip Report for Task Order Number 004, Meetings in Silver Springs, Maryland to scope reviews of Environmental Assessments for High-Level Waste Sites.

Please advise us if further distribution of the trip report is required.

Very truly yours,

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TRIP REPORT - TASK 004

MEETINGS TO SCOPE REVIEWS OF
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS FOR HIGH-LEVEL WASTE SITES
SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND
September 10-14, 1984

The following Weston Geophysical personnel participated in meetings with the NRC staff to scope the reviews of the Environmental Assessments for High-Level Waste Sites.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Staff Member</u>
Sept. 10	Permian Basin	Vincent Murphy & John Imse
Sept. 11	Salt Domes	John Imse
Sept. 12	Paradox Basin	John Imse
Sept. 13	BWIP	Edward Levine & John Imse
Sept. 14	NNWSI	Vincent Murphy & John Imse

OVERVIEW

A representative from the Repository Projects Branch, Robert Johnson, presented an overview of the review process at the start of the Monday, Sept. 10, and Tuesday, Sept. 11, sessions. This overview provided necessary guidelines to the contractors regarding consultant obligations in the review process and the NRC philosophy concerning those reviews. The exact format of review comments, both general and detailed, was also presented to the contractors.

The expected schedule for final EA submittal was also discussed in terms of requirements for the final review and necessary level of effort prior to final EA submittal. The final EA documents are expected in mid to late November. At that time, only three [3] weeks may be available for conducting the reviews; two [2] weeks of actual review/comment writing and one [1] week of working with the NRC staff to produce a final set of comments for each site.

Prior to final EA submittal, contractors will be required to obtain, review and evaluate those sources of information identified during the draft review which are necessary for a complete review of the final EA documents. It is understood that the contractor should obtain all possible documents directly from ONWI or other applicable agencies. Any additional information requirements should be directed to the appropriate technical reviewers [Trapp/Lee - Salt sites, Westbrook/Cutler - BWIP, Rice/Cutler - NNWSI]. Per Weston's contract with the NRC, any data evaluations and reviews conducted in preparation for the final EA review will require official tasking by the NRC.

SITE DISCUSSIONS

NRC staff reviewers initiated each days session with a general statement of NRC concerns regarding the sites under discussion. Following this introduction, each contractor/consultant presented a summary of his comments and concerns generated during the review of the draft EA documents. Subsequent discussions focused on a detailed review of comments and concerns while also reviewing and finalizing the Site Technical Positions for each area. To summarize each session a list of specific concerns was generated by the entire review group. The final charge to the review group at the end of each day was to generate a list of data/references required to prepare for the upcoming final EA reviews, in addition to stressing the need for appropriate task initiation to conduct the necessary background review prior to final EA submittal.