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SUBJECT: Report of Meeting with NRC on April 15, 1987 to Discuss Mini-Audit of LANL Min-Pet Program

TO: James P. Knight, RW-24

Attached is my report of the subject meeting. I will be happy to discuss it with you.

With your concurrence I will prepare a draft letter of invitation to NRC inviting them to perform the audit of LANL (see Section 6 of attached report) and will ask for a review of this draft letter by WMPO, LANL, and NRC.

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MEETING REPORT

1. Date April 15, 1987
2. Location Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, New Mexico
3. Purpose
 - (a) To brief Nuclear Regulatory Commission representatives on LANL's Mineralogy-Petrology program in preparation for NRC's mini-audit of it.
 - (b) To provide to NRC representatives our basis for why we feel the LANL min-pet program is ready for an NRC audit.
 - (c) To finalize the protocol for the DOE invitation to NRC to perform the audit and for the NRC conduct and reporting of their audit.
4. Attendees
 - (a) NRC attendees were:
 - Jim Kennedy, QA Section Leader, Operations Branch, Division of High-Level Waste Management
 - Jim Donneley, QA Section, Operations Branch, Division of High-Level Waste Management
 - John Bradbury, Technical Review Branch, Division of High-Level Waste Management
 - (b) DOE (and Contractor) Representatives were:
 - Carl Newton, QA Manager, OGR
 - Jim Blaylock, QA Manager, WMPO
 - Paul Guthals, QA Manager, LANL Waste Program
 - Steve Metta, SAIC (WMPO QA support contractor)
 - Henry Numer, Los Alamos Technical Associates (QA support to Paul Guthals)
 - (c) LANL Representatives were:
 - Don Oakley, Technical Project Office for LANL
 - Gerald DePoorter, Deputy TPO
 - Dave Janiman, Project Leader, Min-Pet Program, LANL
 - Wayne Morris, Earth & Space Sciences Group Leader
 - Larry Maason, QA Liaison for ESS
 - Karen West, QA Liaison for LANL Group
 - Don York, QA Liaison for LANL Group

5. Agreements

No formal agreements or comments were signed and no formal meeting minutes prepared since this was an Appendix 7 meeting with NRC.

The following agreements were, however, made:

- (a) NRC and LANL tentatively agreed to a date for the NRC mini-audit the week of June 8, 1987. The NRC proposed date of week of May 15 could not be accommodated by LANL due to an absence of key personnel that week. NRC (Jim Kennedy) will check with the other NRC audit team members and then confirm the suitability of the week of June 8.
- (b) It was agreed, after considerable discussion, that NRC would complete the audit in one week; NRC originally wanted two weeks. After the LANL presentation on the scope of the program, NRC agreed that one week should prove sufficient. In the event more time is needed, every reasonable effort by LANL will be made to accommodate NRC.
- (c) There was considerable discussion and debate over the technical scope of the audit; the method NRC will use to report their assessment of the technical quality of the LANL work, and the DOE response to NRC's technical assessments (see Section 6(e) of this report). There does appear to be considerable overlay between the technical aspects of this audit and the other interactions that DOE has with NRC (workshops, Appendix 7 meetings, technical meetings, etc.).

(d) There was discussion of the invitation of observers by NRC on this audit, their status, and protocol for observers. NRC intends inviting the State of Nevada as an observer as well as DOE-HQ and WMPO observers. NRC's current feelings are that observers will not be invited to audit team caucuses. NRC will also coordinate with DOE on the number of state observers (to keep from having excessive observers).

(e) NRC agreed they will not invite observers from other states on this audit, only Nevada, and also that no tribal representatives will be invited. When other project contractors are audited by NRC they will invite observers from affected states and tribes.

(f) DOE agreed to limit DOE and DOE contractor observers.

Specifically, the other NNWSI participating organizations will not be invited, representatives from other project offices will not be invited, representatives from the NVO and other Operations Offices will not be invited, and other DOE-HQ organizations (other than the one OGR representative) will not be invited.

This was deemed necessary by DOE, NRC, and LANL representatives.

(g) LANL agreed to provide a conference room for NRC team caucuses, telephone service, and a computer/word processor for team use. No secretarial support will be provided.

(h) NRC agreed to be responsible for inviting observers limiting the number to a reasonable level, and coordinating with DOE-HQ, WMPO and LANL.

6. Recommendations

- (a) DOE-HQ (Newton) should send a memo to NRC inviting them to perform the mini-audit of the LANL Min-Pet program.
- (b) The invitation should note a week audit is expected (not two weeks).
- (c) The invitation should confirm the scope of the audit (all applicable 18 criteria) and re-iterate the basis for why DOE feels we are ready (Note: WMPO does not expect to issue the report of the WMPO audit of LANL, which was conducted week before last, for about three weeks - it should be an attachment to the DOE invitation to NRC to perform this audit).
- (d) The invitation should note that the NRC audit report is to be issued to DOE-HQ, not WMPO or LANL, and all responses will also be from DOE-HQ, not (directly) from LANL or WMPO.
- (e) The invitation should suggest to NRC a format for their audit report. The format should include findings, observations, and technical comments. We should note that DOE will not, in response to the NRC audit report, respond to technical comments but will instead resolve those through other established mechanisms such as Appendix 7 meetings, workshops, issue resolution through the SCP/SCA process, etc.
- (f) DOE-HQ (Newton) should first prepare a draft invitational memo to NRC and circulate for comment to WMPO, LANL, and NRC.

Prepared by Carl Newton
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