

memorandum

DATE: May 28, 1987

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: RW-24

SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON KIST REPORT

TO: James P. Knight, RW-24

Attached is a copy of the draft memo previously furnished to you with proposed OGR comments on the KIST Report. Please advise me if you want any further action taken.

Carl Newton

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OGR Review of KIST Report and CH Response

Don Bray, CH

We have reviewed the report, "Advisory Report - Quality Assurance Program for High Level Waste Management Activities - Salt Repository Project", which was prepared by N.C. Kist and Associates, Inc. We feel the evaluation performed by Kist was very thorough and that the recommendations in the Kist report were, generally speaking, valid. We were disappointed that the Kist evaluation was limited to an evaluation of the written QA program and did not include an assessment of the implementation or adequacy of the procedures. We recommend that future evaluations include implementation of the QA program and the effectiveness of implementing procedures.

We have also reviewed the CH/SRPO proposed responses and schedule and feel that the responses and schedule are adequate and adequately address the Kist Report recommendations. Those areas in which exceptions to the Kist Report recommendations were taken, such as recommendations to apply nuclear power plant hardware requirements to site characterizations activities, are well justified. We, too, felt that several of the Kist recommendations were the result of their past hardware focused experience and a perhaps excessive attention to detail.

We feel that the revisions to the SRPO QA Plan, planned in response to the KIST report, will result in needed improvements to the document. We, like you, felt that the KIST report, overall, was a positive endorsement of the SRPO QA program confirming that no major, fatal flaws are present.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the KIST report and your responses. We commend you for your initiative in having the evaluation performed and for your carefully thought out responses. We trust that many improvements to the SRPO QA plan will result and look forward to reviewing the next version of it.

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