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Mr. Mark J. Logsdon, Project Manager  
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Dear Mr. Logsdon:

I have received your monthly progress report for May Dated June 16, 1988. This report describes the status of Nuclear Waste Consultants' Technical Assistance under Contract No. NRC-02-85-009. Overall progress made to date under this contract is satisfactory.

Tasks 1,2,3 and 5

I have no comments on ongoing Task Activities. Technical Direction provided in my letters of May 17 and June 21 covers all existing business.

General

Your most recent submittals (Communication Nos. 265 and 266) arrived in envelopes addressed to our former mail stop (MS 623-SS). My present mail stop is 4-H-3. Please correct the mailing labels.

I have just received your letter of June 20, 1988 (Communication No. 266) forwarding the Water, Waste and Land Inc. request for permission to publish in the open literature an article based on the Subtask 1.5 Technical Report # 7, "An Overview of Recharge Estimates". In response to this request I have reviewed Chapter NRC-3202 (Publication of Technical Reports Prepared by NRC Contractors, Including Reports Prepared Under or Pursuant to Interagency Agreements) of the NRC policy and procedures manual. This particular situation is discussed on page 5 of Part 1 (Section D; publishing unclassified information in open literature and presenting papers) wherein it states:

If the contractor proposes to publish in the open literature or present the information at meetings in addition to submitting the required technical reports, approval of the proposed article or presentation should be obtained from the NRC project manager. The NRC project manager shall either approve the material as submitted, approve it subject to NRC suggested revisions, or disapprove it. In any event, a project manager may disapprove or delay presentation or publication of papers on information that is subject to Commissioner approval that has not been ruled upon or which has been disapproved.

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Because the original report has already been delivered to, and approved by, the Project Officer, I am already aware that the work does not contain any information subject to Commissioner approval. Further, because WW&L does not envision publishing the article in the context of a High-Level Waste Repository but rather to excerpt pertinent portions which are of general interest to groundwater professionals, I am unlikely to have any basis for disapproving or delaying publication. However, policy requires my formal approval and therefore the authors need to submit a copy for my review (through you) prior to submission to a technical journal. Note that my review will be with respect to NRC policy and will not constitute a formal, technical peer review or editorial review.

For your information I have attached a copy of NRC Manual Chapter 3202 and WM Policy No. 37 (Publication and Distribution of NUREG Reports, Technical Positions, and other significant Documents).

I have no further comments.

The action taken by this letter is considered to be within the scope of the current contract NRC-02-85-009. No changes to costs or delivery of contracted products are authorized. Please notify me immediately if you believe that this letter would result in a change to costs or delivery of contracted products.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey A. Pohle, Project Officer  
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Technical Review Branch  
Division of High-Level Waste Management  
Office of Nuclear Material Safety  
and Safeguards

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