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SUBJECT: DOE Weekly Report

Please find enclosed the above-referenced report received in this office, i.e., for week ending February 12, 1988.

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NEVADA NUCLEAR WASTE STORAGE INVESTIGATIONS (NNWSI) PROJECT WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 12, 1988

I. Critical Items Status

A. Site Characterization Plan

None to report.

B. Core Sample Management

None to report.

II. Significant Accomplishments/Information Items

A new modular structure has been installed in G-Tunnel to house a Microvax and associated equipment, which are part of the Sandia (Sandia National Laboratories) Data Acquisition and Reduction System (SANDARS). This system will be used to collect and reduce data obtained during prototype testing in G-Tunnel. In addition to providing a controlled environment for SANDARS equipment, the modular structure will serve as a test facility for similar structures planned for the Exploratory Shaft Test Facility.

An Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management Transportation Managers meeting was held in Las Vegas on February 9. The purpose of the meeting was to coordinate the transportation activities of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Storage and Transportation Systems Transportation Team and the DOE/NNWSI program.

A Total System Life Cycle Cost meeting was held at the Waste Management Project Office (WMPO) in Las Vegas. Weston presented a Fee Adequacy Report on the project and explained the methods by which they arrived at the numbers in the report. The effects on the budget of the switching from three possible sites for the repository to just one at Yucca Mountain were noted.

On February 8-10, representatives from DOE/Headquarters (HQ), WMPO, and other Project participants attended an Exploratory Shaft Facility Variance Workshop on applicable health and safety code standards for use in the Exploratory Shaft Design Construction and Operation. An action plan was developed which will lead to the resolution of differences between applicable code requirements.

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On February 11, Bullfrog County was declared unconstitutional by retired Supreme Court Justice David Zenoff because it did not have a judicial district. The Legislative Commission can appeal, but this is not likely.

The WMPO project manager and branch chiefs, along with representatives from Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC), attended a Program Planning meeting at DOE/HQ on Thursday, February 11, 1988. The purpose of the meeting was to obtain final resolution of the fiscal year 1988 budget for the NNWSI Project.

III. Upcoming Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
A. <u>Coordinating Group Meetings</u>			
None to report.			
B. <u>HQ Meetings</u>			
None to report.			
C. <u>Internal Project and DOE/Nevada Operations Office (NV) Meetings</u>			
Tuesday, February 16	Postclosure Performance Assessment Advisory Group meeting	Las Vegas, NV	M. Blanchard, WMPO
Tuesday, February 23	DOE/NV Manager's Meeting	Las Vegas, NV	V. Davis, WMPO
Thursday, February 25	Project Manager and Technical Project Officers Meeting	Las Vegas, NV	J. Fiore, SAIC
Wednesday-Thursday, February 24-25	Design Interface Group meeting	Livermore, CA	T. Zvada, WMPO
Tuesday, March 8	Sample Overview Committee Meeting	Las Vegas, NV	U. Clanton, WMPO
D. <u>State and Public Interaction</u>			
Wednesday, February 17	State of Nevada Socioeconomic Survey for Test Site Workers	Las Vegas, NV	E. Lundgaard, WMPO
E. <u>U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Interaction</u>			
None to report.			

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
F. <u>Other</u>			
Tuesday, February 16	Northern Nevada Association of Busi- ness Economists Meeting (Project Manager will speak)	Reno, NV	V. Davis, WMPO
Tuesday, February 16	Nevada Chambers of Commerce (Acting Deputy Project Manager will speak)	Las Vegas, NV	V. Davis, WMPO
Thursday, February 18	Project Manager speaks at University of Nevada Nuclear Waste Management Class	Las Vegas, NV	V. Davis, WMPO
Wednesday, February 24	Boulder City Rotary Club Meeting (Project Manager will speak)	Boulder City, NV	V. Davis, WMPO
Sunday-Friday, February 28-March 4	Waste Management '88 Conference	Tucson, AZ	V. Davis, WMPO
Friday, March 4	H. Kunich (WMPO) gives tour to local teachers	Las Vegas, NV	V. Davis, WMPO

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