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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON PROJECT MANAGER'S PERIODIC REPORT ON
ACTIVITIES OF THE CENTER, DATED FEBRUARY 8, 1988

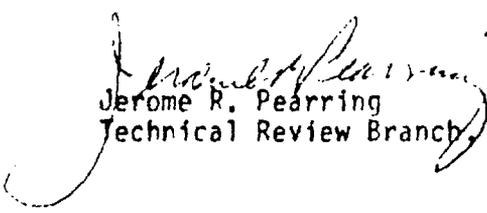
The subject document pertaining to activity of the Center for the period December 19, 1987 through January 22, 1988, was reviewed and content was noted.

Emphasis of the review was directed towards Item 6 - "Engineered Barrier System" and Item 9 - "Repository Design, Construction and Operation," which pertain to my area of assigned management responsibility. The following comments are presented:

- 1) As indicated in the report, all substantive activities were directed to the Ops Plans during this period. Only a limited amount of work was directed at initiating the formulation of Program Architecture. As very little detail is presented in Section 6.2.1 and 9.2.1 of the report, it is not at all clear as to what rationale was used in assigning specific codes to the EBS and RDCO elements at the time of initiation of this work. I request the Center be directed to provide more detail with regard to the efforts undertaken.
- 2) In Sections 6.2.1.2 and 9.2.1.2 of the report it is stated that review of respective EBS and RDCO related sections of the SCP was begun. Again no detail is presented. I request the Center be directed to identify the specific sections of the SCP under review and a description of the level of effort being applied to each (i.e., scanning reading, or performing an in depth review including review of referenced documents).
- 3) In Section 9.2.2.2 it is indicated that "Plans for hiring a Mechanical/Nuclear Engineer are complete." NRC is unaware of a priority requirement for Nuclear Engineering expertise for this element at this time. No rationale has been presented to justify the priority need for the identified expertise. In view of other recognized priority expertise needs within the Technology Department, it is requested that the Center be directed to present full details of the completed plan for NRC review and approval prior to further Center actions in this matter.

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- 4) Recommend the Center be directed to identify the NRC Element Managers and NRC Project Officer(s) as appropriate for each Program Element.
- 5) Information presented in Subsections 6.3 and 9.3 of the report identified as "Element Financial Status" is insufficient to allow meaningful review. Recommend the Center be directed to present much greater detail or reference where the detail may be found.


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