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The attached document entitled "Selected NRC Products -- High-Level Waste Program" dated April 1987 is being distributed for your information.

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SELECTED NRC PRODUCTS
HIGH-LEVEL WASTE PROGRAM

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this list is to identify selected NRC High-Level Waste Program products and provide a summary of current and planned documents issued by the NRC staff. The list is not intended to be directive in nature but rather to offer a collection of products generated by the HLW program in order to provide timely guidance/advice for prelicensing and eventual licensing phases. It is necessary to use a variety of documents to provide such guidance because of: a) variability in the nature of the technical issues in HLW; b) the site specific nature of many of the issues; c) the evolving nature of issues with time as the exploratory site investigations are carried out; and d) variability in what is an appropriate level of detail that must be addressed in guidance.

The Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 (NHPA) has established by law schedules for certain accomplishments in the HLW program. For many reasons, DOE will meet the milestones while, in some cases, they may be unable to meet the schedule. Due to the uncertainties in investigative results and changes of priorities and schedules, guidance flexibility is also needed. The variety of existing documents and procedural forms allows the staff to take a flexible approach in assuring efficient, timely and complete guidance in the prelicensing and licensing phases. This summary permits interested parties who have limited time and who cannot, practically speaking, follow the great amount of detail that is the subject of the prelicensing guidance process to be informed of how the process is working. This summary offers a listing of generic as well as site-specific products which have been or are being planned. The document will be reviewed and reissued on a periodic basis.

The summary is divided into three major components: Regulations, Licensing Guidance Process; and NRC Review Plans. Copies of the referenced documents can be obtained from the USNRC Public Document Room.

I. REGULATIONS

While there are a number of NRC and other Federal agencies rules and regulations which pertain to the prelicensing and licensing actions, this list includes only those products produced by the HLW Program.

10 CFR Part 60--Disposal of High-Level Radioactive Wastes in Geologic Repositories.

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>ISSUE DATE</u>
o Licensing Procedures for HLW in Geologic Repositories	February 1981
- NEPA/EIS Adoption (Proposed)	TBD
- Site Characterization and State/Tribal Participation (Final)	July 1986
o Technical Criteria for HLW in Geologic Repositories	June 1983
- Unsaturated Zone	July 1985
- Definition of High-Level Waste (ANPR)	February 1987
- EPA Standard (Proposed)	June 1986

II. LICENSING GUIDANCE PROCESS

This section is divided into eight areas: Site Characterization Analysis (SCA) and Semi-annual update reviews; Regulatory Guides; Staff Technical Positions; Documented Technical Meetings; Environmental Assessment Reviews; Contractor Reports (Research and Special Studies); State/Tribal Interactions; and Program Planning and Management Reviews.

A. SITE CHARACTERIZATION ANALYSIS AND SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS

The SCA's are issued by NRC as a NUREG document as a result of the staff evaluations of the DOE's Site Characterization Plans (SCP's). An SCP is issued before an exploratory shaft is sunk at any candidate site. Follow up will be provided by semi-annual reports issued by the staff. The NRC reports would be in response to the DOE's semi-annual reports which are also required under the NWPA (Section 113).

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>ISSUE DATE</u>
BWIP Site Characterization Analysis--NUREG-0960	April 1983
BWIP Site Characterization Analysis	FY87*
NNWSI Site Characterization Analysis	FY87*
Salt Site Characterization Analysis	FY88*

*Projected release dates of DOE's Site Characterization Plans (SCP's). NRC's Site Characterization Analyses would be completed six months after SCP Release.

B. REGULATORY GUIDES

Regulatory Guides are drafted by the staff to establish a standard approach to licensing. They are not directives, but reflect acceptable procedures or actions which would be considered acceptable by the staff.

The current plans are to issue standard content and format documents as Regulatory Guides.

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>ISSUE DATE</u>
1. Regulatory Guide 4.17	Standard Format and Content of Site Characterization Plans for High-Level Waste Geologic Repositories	March 1987
2. Regulatory Guide ____	Safety Analysis Report Format Guide	TBD

C. STAFF TECHNICAL POSITIONS

Staff Technical Positions have been divided into two types: Generic Technical Positions, dealing with issues which relate to licensing activities for repositories independent of the technology or site selected; and Site Technical Positions, which give site specific guidance/advice.

1. SITE TECHNICAL POSITIONS (STP'S)

STP's provide a format for establishing the staff's positions on site specific issues. The set of STP's for a given site provides a means of tracking and tracing positions taken by the staff. Issue-oriented Site Technical Positions (ISTP's) are generated in each technical review area (hydrogeology, etc.) for each site. ISTP's constitute what the staff considers to be a systematic and comprehensive identification of issues which need to be resolved for licensing. Other detailed STP's are issued as appropriate throughout the pre-licensing period. They establish acceptable methods of analysis, minimum information needs, or acceptable methods of data gathering and form the basis for tracking issues over time.

The concept of STP's was developed to provide maximum flexibility in completing a series of technical positions that have sufficient formality to record staff positions and to notify the prospective licensee (DOE). STP's (other than ISTP's) will be initiated by the need for documentation of a staff concern or in response to a major question raised by the licensee.

a) Issue-oriented Site Technical Positions (ISTP's)

The ISTP's were coordinated with DOE/NRC workshops in individual program areas.

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>ISSUE DATE</u>
<u>BWIP</u>	
(i) Geology/Geophysics (Draft)	September 1984
(ii) Geochemistry (Draft)	September 1984
(iii) Waste Package (Draft)	September 1984
(iv) Repository Design/Rock Mechanics (Draft)	September 1984
(v) Hydrogeology (Draft)	September 1984
<u>NNWSI</u>	
(i) Geology/Geophysics (Draft)	September 1984
(ii) Geochemistry (Draft)	September 1984
(iii) Waste Package (Draft)	September 1984
(iv) Repository Design/Rock Mechanics (Draft)	September 1984
(v) Hydrogeology (Draft)	September 1984
<u>SALT</u>	
(i) Geology/Geophysics (Draft)	September 1984
(ii) Geochemistry (Draft)	September 1984
(iii) Waste Package (Draft)	September 1984
(iv) Repository Design/Rock Mechanics (Draft)	September 1984
(v) Hydrogeology (Draft)	September 1984

b) Other STP's

<u>BWIP</u>	
(i) Hydrology Testing Strategy (Draft)	December 1983
(ii) In Situ Testing (Draft)	TBD
(iii) Hydrazine Testing (Draft)	TBD
(iv) Others as Identified	
<u>NNWSI</u>	
(i) Others as Identified	
<u>SALT</u>	
(i) Others as Identified	

2. GENERIC TECHNICAL POSITIONS (GTP'S)

The specific issues that must be addressed in a potential licensing case will be site specific. Therefore, the principal mechanism for documenting guidance is through the site specific guidance described in the SCA section II.A. above, and in section II.D. (Technical Meetings). Notwithstanding this, some issues can be grouped in generic non-site specific categories. From the experience gained in the consultation process at various sites, the staff is identifying areas where it would be useful to document guidance in this generic fashion. For the most part, this would involve repetition of staff positions already developed and documented. The following lists generic technical positions already developed or under development. Also listed are technical areas where the staff is tentatively considering developing GTP's.

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| o Waste Package Reliability Analysis (Final) | December 1985 |
| o Determination of Radionuclide Sorption for HLW Repositories (Final) | January 1987 |
| o Groundwater Travel Time (Draft) | July 1986 |
| o Borehole and Shaft Seals (Final) | February 1986 |
| o Determination of Radionuclide Solubility in Groundwater for Assessment of High-Level Radionuclide Waste Isolation (Final) | November 1984 |
| o In-Situ Testing During Site Characterization (Final) | December 1985 |
| o Design Information Needs in Site Characterization Plans (Final) | December 1985 |
| o Seismo-Tectonic Evaluation Methodology (Draft) | TBD |
| o Interpretation and Identification of the Disturbed Zone (Draft) | July 1986 |
| o Documentation of Computer Codes, NUREG/CR-0856 48FR31761, 7/11/83 | June 1983 |
| o Modeling Strategy Document for HLW Performance Assessment | July 1984 |
| o Licensing Assessment Methodology for HLW Geologic Repositories (Draft) | July 1984 |

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>ISSUE DATE</u>
o Performance Confirmation	TBD
o Items and Activities in the HLW Geologic Repository Program Subject To 10 CFR Part 60 Quality Assurance Requirements (Draft)	July 1986
o Qualification of Existing Data (Draft)	June 1986
o Peer Review (Draft)	June 1986
D. <u>DOCUMENTED TECHNICAL MEETINGS</u>	

The purpose of the technical meetings is to assure that an information flow is maintained between the NRC and DOE which facilitates the accomplishment by each agency of its responsibilities relative to site investigation and site characterization. Technical meetings are held to review data, review and consult on interpretation of data, identify potential licensing issues, agree on the adequacy of methods and approaches for acquisition of information and data as well as available data. Schedules of activities pertaining to these technical meetings will be made publicly available to all interested parties. A written report agreed to by both NRC and DOE will be prepared for each meeting including agreements reached. The meetings are open to State/Tribal representatives and allow public attendance as observers.

BWIP WORKSHOPS AND TECHNICAL MEETINGS

<u>MEETING</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Hydrology Workshop	April 7-9, 1987
Hydrology Data Review	December 2-5, 1986
Project Management Meeting	August 4, 1986
Hydrology Meeting	December 9-10, 1985
Exploratory Shaft Design Workshop	December 3-4, 1985
Design of Seismic Survey	May 23, 1985
Hydrology Workshop	May 22, 1985
Management Meeting	April 10, 1985
Hydrologic Characterization	December 12-13, 1984
QA Visit	December 10-11, 1984
Geology Data Review	October 22-26, 1984

BWIP WORKSHOPS AND TECHNICAL MEETINGS (Continued)

<u>MEETING</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Geology Data Review	July 30-31, 1984
Hydrologic Characterization Plans	June 12-13, 1984
Barrier Material Test Plan	May 8-9, 1984
Geology Workshop	March 13-15, 1984
Rock Mechanics Data Review	January 23-26, 1984
Hydrologic Data Review	January 9-16, 1984
Geochemistry Workshop	January 9-12, 1984
Exploratory Shaft and Underground Testing	November 29-December 2, 1983
Performance Assessment	August 29-September 1, 1983
Technical Management Meeting	August 4-5, 1983
Hydrology Testing	July 11-15, 1983
Site Issue Meeting	June 13-16, 1983
Hydrology Meeting	June 7-10, 1983
Management Meeting	May 27, 1983
Geology and Geologic Stability	April 11-15, 1983
Repository Design	October 5-6, 1982
Hydrologic Modeling of Pasco Basin	September 27-28, 1982
Waste Package/Geochemistry	August 9-12, 1982
Hydrology	July 21-27, 1982
Underground Testing Plans for the SCR	June 9-10, 1982
Hydrology	January 12-13, 1982
Site Technical and Program Review	September 22-26, 1981

BWIP WORKSHOPS AND TECHNICAL MEETINGS (Continued)

<u>MEETING</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Site Technical and Program Review	July 7-17, 1980

NNWSI WORKSHOPS AND TECHNICAL MEETINGS

Exploratory Shaft Meeting	April 14-15, 1987
Management Meeting	June 12, 1986
Management Meeting	February 19-20, 1986
Exploratory Shaft Design/Construction	August 27-28, 1985
Waste Package	July 23-25, 1985
Management Meeting	March 11, 1985
Sample Acquisition for Topopah Spring Member and Calico Hills Tuff	February 4, 1985
QA Visit	December 13-14, 1984
Geology Data Review	September 17-28, 1984
Hydrology Data Review	July 25-28, 1984
Design/Rock Mechanics Data Review	July 17-20, 1984
Geochemistry	July 10-13, 1984
Waste Package	October 18-19, 1983
Geology	October 4-6, 1983
Hydrology	September 20-21, 1983
Hydrology Data Review	January 27-28, 1983
Conceptual Design	January 24-25, 1983
Hydrology	January 18-19, 1983
Geochemistry	January 12-13, 1983
Site Technical and Program Review	May 17-19, 1982
Peer Review of NNWSI	August 24-28, 1981
Site Technical and Program Review	February 16-24, 1981

NNWSI WORKSHOPS AND TECHNICAL MEETINGS (Continued)

<u>MEETING</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Site Technical and Program Review	September 24-25, 1979
Geochemistry and Hydrogeology	March 2, 1979
Site Technical and Program Review	February 23-24, 1978
Seismic/Geologic Design Criteria for Waste Repository	January 25, 1978

SALT WORKSHOPS AND TECHNICAL MEETINGS

Management Meeting	June 9-10, 1986
Waste Package	January 22-24, 1986
Structure and Tectonics of the Palo Duro Basin	November 19-21, 1985
Permian Basin Core Examination (Data Review)	August 5-8, 1985
Management Meeting	June 18, 1985
QA Visit	December 18-19, 1984
Geophysics Data Review (Paradox Basin)	October 16-18, 1984
Geochemistry	August 22-24, 1984
Rock Mechanics Data Review	August 21-24, 1984
Information Management Systems Meeting	August 8, 1984
Site Security and Safeguards	May 23, 1984
Hydrology Data Review	May 14-18, 1984
Repository Design, Exploratory Shaft, and In-Situ Testing	October 25-26, 1983
Waste Package Design and Performance	August 9-10, 1983
NRC Guidance on SCP Content	June 27-28, 1983
DOE Salt Project Overview	April 19-20, 1983
Review of the DOE Site Screening in Salt, Paradox Basin (meetings and site visits)	May 11-21, 1981
Survey of Salt Dome Investigations (meetings and site visits)	September 8-19, 1980

GENERIC WORKSHOPS AND TECHNICAL MEETINGS

<u>MEETING</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Issues Hierarchy and Issue Resolution Strategy	March 3-4, 1987
DWPF Vitrification Process, Waste Form and Supporting Data Base Technical Meeting	December 9-10, 1986
Waste Acceptance Process Meeting	July 31, 1986
Level of Detail in the SCP	May 7-8, 1986
Pilot Project Demo/Status of NWA Program	April 29, 1986
EA Site Ranking Methodology Briefing	April 23, 1986
Licensing Support System Coordinating Group	April 22, 1986
Rod Consolidation	December 17, 1985
Generic QA Meeting	December 4-5, 1985
Generic Seismo-Tectonics Meeting	December 3-4, 1985
Site Characterization Plans--Chapter 8	October 29-30, 1985
Subsystem Performance Allocation	September 26-27, 1985
DOE Position Paper on Retrievability and Retrieval	July 31, 1985
Exploratory Shaft Facility Design/Construction, Licensing Issues, and the Exploratory Shaft Test Plans	July 18, 1985
Q-list Methodology	July 1, 1985
Appendix 7 to Site Specific Agreement--On-Site Representatives Activities	June 14, 1985
Management Meeting with DOE	May 30, 1985
Design Information Needs for SCP's	April 18, 1985
Performance Allocation Meeting	April 17, 1985
Review of Report "Recommended Safety, Reliability, QA and Management Techniques with Possible Application by DOE to the HLW Repository Program"	April 11, 1985

GENERIC WORKSHOPS AND TECHNICAL MEETINGS (Continued)

<u>MEETING</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Discussion of NRC Comments on DOE's Draft EA's	April 8-9, 1985
DOE Annotated Outline for Site Characterization Plans	February 13, 1985
Development of Licensing Issues and Information Management Systems	February 8, 1985
QA Site Visits Summary Briefing	January 28, 1985
Briefing on NRC Licensing Process	January 28, 1985
NRC's Comments on DOE Draft Mission Plan	December 17, 1984
Preparation for QA Visits to Project Sites	November 30, 1984
Transportation Model Workshop	November 27-28, 1984
NRC Licensing Process Briefing to DOE Field Offices	November 5-8, 1984
QA Review Plan and Upcoming QA Site Visits	October 24, 1984
QA Site Visits Planning Meetings	October 18, 1984 September 17, 1984
In-Situ Testing Planning Meeting	August 9, 1984
DOE Siting Guidelines	April 18, 1984
Discussion of the OCRWM Mission Plan	April 11, 1984
NRC Review Plan of QA for Site Characterization	May 12, 1983

E. ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) REVIEWS

The staff has reviewed and commented on all DOE's draft and final Environmental Assessments (EA's). These reviews are part of the continuing interface between the staffs of the DOE and NRC which will lead to early identification of potential licensing issues. The staff comments identify open items which are relevant to the potential licensing of each site based on information currently available and which will need to be resolved during site characterization.

NRC staff comments on the DOE Draft Environmental Assessments	March 20, 1985
NRC staff comments on the DOE Final Environmental Assessments	December 22, 1986

F. CONTRACTOR REPORTS

In establishing the basis for guidance, the NRC staff periodically requires assistance from contractors. Reports giving details of the results of such assistance are published as NUREG/CR documents. Some NUREG/CR reports are a reflection of results of experimental programs whereas others are technical evaluations utilizing existing expertise and data. The following lists divide these reports into seven technical review areas and also differentiate reports produced for the Office of NMSS from those produced for the Office of Research (RES).

1. Performance Assessment

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
a) <u>NMSS</u>		
o Suggested Nuclear Waste Management Radiological Performance Objectives	NUREG/CR-0579	July 1979
o SWIFT Self-Teaching Curriculum	NUREG/CR-1968	March 1982
o Repository Site Definition in Basalt, Pasco Basin, WA	NUREG/CR-2352	March 1982
o DNET Self-Teaching Curriculum	NUREG/CR-2391	March 1983
o PATH 1 Self-Teaching Curriculum	NUREG/CR-2394	October 1982
o NRC Report on Dosimetry and Health Effects Self-Teaching Curriculum	NUREG/CR-2422	March 1983
o Summary of Repository Siting Models (Final Report)	NUREG/CR-2782	July 1982
o Repository Site Data Report for Tuff: Yucca Mountain, Nevada	NUREG/CR-2937	November 1983
o Parameters and Variables Appearing in Repository Siting Models	NUREG/CR-3066	December 1982
o Benchmark Problems for Repository Siting Models*	NUREG/CR-3097	December 1982
o Parameters and Variables Appearing in Radiological Assessment Codes	NUREG/CR-3160	June 1983
o A Summary of Computer Codes for Radiological Assessment	NUREG/CR-3209	March 1983

*Revision to be published in 1987

a) NMSS (Continued)

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
o Evaluation of Engineering Aspects of Backfill Placement for HLW Deep Geologic Repositories	NUREG/CR-3218	May 1984
o Technical Assistance for Regulatory Development: Review and Evaluation of the EPA Standard 40 CFR 191 for Disposal of High-Level Waste	NUREG/CR-3235	April 1983
o Verification of the Network Flow and Transport/Distributed Velocity Method (NWFT/DVM) Computer Code	NUREG/CR-3378	June 1984
o A Summary of Repository Design Models	NUREG/CR-3450	November 1983
o Benchmark Problems for Radiological Assessment Codes	NUREG/CR-3451	August 1983
o Benchmark Problems for Repository Design Models	NUREG/CR-3636	February 1984
o A Summary of Computer Codes for Waste Package Performance Assessment	NUREG/CR-3699	April 1984
o SWIFT II Self-Teaching Curriculum	NUREG/CR-3925	August 1986
o Repository Site Data Report for Unsaturated Tuff: Yucca Mt, Nevada	NUREG/CR-4110	November 1985
o Repository Environmental Parameters Relevant to Assessing the Performance of HLW Packages	NUREG/CR-4134	May 1985
o Methodologies for Assessing Long-Term Performance of HLW Packages	NUREG/CR-4477	January 1986
o Assessing Compliance with the EPA HLW Standard: An Overview	NUREG/CR-4510	October 1986

b) RES

o Risk Methodology for Geologic Disposal of Radioactive Waste:		
-- Sandia Waste Isolation Flow and Transport (SWIFT) Mode	NUREG/CR-0424	October 1978
-- The Network Flow and Transport (NWFT) Model	NUREG/CR-1190	March 1982

b) RES (Continued)

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
-- Distributed Velocity Method of Solving Convective-Dispersion Equation	NUREG/CR-1376	October 1980
-- Model Description and User Manual for Pathways Model	NUREG/CR-1636 Vol. 1	May 1981
-- Sensitivity Analysis of the Environmental Transport	Vol. 2	May 1981
-- Asymptotic Properties of the Environmental Transport	Vol. 3	May 1981
-- Effects of Variable Hydrologic Patterns on the Environmental Transport Model	Vol. 4	April 1982
-- Dosimetry and Health Effects	NUREG/CR-2166	October 1981
-- The DNET Computer Code User's Manual	NUREG/CR-2343	April 1982
o User's Manual for the Sandia Waste-Isolation Flow and Transport Model (SWIFT) Release 4.81	NUREG/CR-2324	January 1982
o An Assessment of the Proposed Rule (10CFR60) for Disposal of HLW in Geologic Repositories	NUREG/CR-3111 Vols. 1 and 2	August 1983
o Data Input Guide for SWIFT II; The Sandia Waste-Isolation Flow and Transport Model for Fractured Media Release 4.84	NUREG/CR-3162	April 1986
o Theory and Implementation for SWIFT II; The Sandia Waste-Isolation Flow and Transport Model for Fractured Media Release 4.84	NUREG/CR-3328	August 1986
o Preliminary Scenarios for the Release of Radioactive Waste from a Hypothetical Repository in Basalt of the Columbia Plateau	NUREG/CR-3353	November 1983
o The Role of Geochemical Factors in the Assessment and Regulation of Geologic Disposal of High-Level Radioactive Waste	NUREG/CR-3490	March 1984
o Reliability of Geotechnical, Environmental, and Radiological Instrumentation in Nuclear Waste Repository Studies	NUREG/CR-3494	November 1983

b) RES (Continued)

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
o On the Development of Environmental Radiation Standards for Geologic Disposal of High-Level Radioactive Waste	NUREG/CR-3714	July 1984
o Uncertainties in Long-Term Repository Performance Due to the Effects of Future Geologic Processes	NUREG/CR-3832	August 1984
o Climatic Calibration of Pollen Data	NUREG/CR-3847	June 1984
o Stress-Corrosion Cracking of Low-Strength Carbon Steels in Candidate HLW Repository Environments	NUREG/CR-3861	February 1987
o A Three-Dimensional Computer Model to Simulate Fluid Flow and Containment Transport Thru a Rock Fracture System	NUREG/CR-4042	January 1985
o Critical Parameters for a High-Level Waste Repository--Vol. 1: Basalt	NUREG/CR-4161	May 1985
o Permeameter Studies of Water Flow Through Cement and Clay Borehole Seals in Granite, Basalt and Tuff	NUREG/CR-4748	October 1986

2. Hydrologya) NMSS

o An Appraisal of Nuclear Waste Isolation in the Vadose Zone in Arid and Semiarid Regions (with Emphasis on the NTS)	NUREG/CR-3158	October 1983
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b) RES

o Field and Theoretical Investigations of Mass and Energy Transport in Subsurface Materials	U of AZ Report	February 1982
o Unsaturated Flow and Transport Through Fractured Rock Related to HLW Repositories	NUREG/CR-3206	March 1983
o Pressure Testing of Fractured Rocks--A Methodology Employing 3-Dimensional Cross-Hole Tests	NUREG/CR-3213	July 1983
o Prediction of Far-Field Subsurface Radionuclide Dispersion Coefficients from Hydraulic Conductivity Measurement	NUREG/CR-3612	March 1984

b) RES (Continued)

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
o Relationship Between the Gas Conductivity and Geometry of a Natural Fracture	NUREG/CR-3680	April 1984
o Field and Theoretical Investigations of Fractured Crystalline Rock Near Oracle, Arizona	NUREG/CR-3736	August 1985
3. <u>Geochemistry</u>		
a) <u>NMSS</u>		
o Proceedings of the Conference on the Application of Geochemical Models to High-Level Nuclear Waste Repository Assessment	NUREG/CP-0062	June 1985
o Selected Hydrologic and Geochemical Issues in Site Characterization for Nuclear Waste Disposal; Flood Basalts at the Hanford Reservation	NUREG/CR-2983	January 1983
o Status of Geochemical Problems Relating to the Burial of High-Level Radioactive Waste, 1982	NUREG/CR-3062	March 1983
o Evaluation of Radionuclide Geochemical Information Developed by DOE High-Level Nuclear Waste Repository Site Projects	NUREG/CR-3730	March 1984
o Review and Assessment of Radionuclide Sorption Information for the Basalt Waste Isolation Project Site (1979 through May 1983)	NUREG/CR-3763	September 1984
o Progress in Evaluation of Radionuclide Geochemical Information Developed by DOE High-Level Nuclear Waste Repository Site Projects	NUREG/CR-3851 (Oct-Dec 1983) (Jan-Mar 1984) (Apr-Jun 1984) (Jul-Sep 1984)	Sep 1984 Vol 1 Oct 1984 Vol 2 Feb 1985 Vol 3 Oct 1985 Vol 4
o Progress in Evaluation of Radionuclide Geochemical Information Developed by DOE High-Level Nuclear Waste Repository Site Projects Annual Report	NUREG/CR-4236 (Oct-Dec 1984) (Jan-Mar 1985) (Apr-Jun 1985) (Oct 84-Sep 85)	Oct 1985 Vol 1 Dec 1985 Vol 2 Apr 1986 Vol 3 Jul 1986 Vol 4
o Progress in Evaluation of Radionuclide Geochemical Information Developed by DOE High-Level Nuclear Waste Repository Site Projects	NUREG/CR-4708 (Oct 85-Mar 86)	Jan 1987 Vol 1

b) RES

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
o NRC Nuclear Waste Management Geochemistry 1983	NUREG/CP-0052	May 1984
o Uncertainties in Geologic Disposal of HLW - Groundwater Transport of Radionuclides and Radiological Consequences	NUREG/CR-2506	July 1983
o Valence Effects on Adsorption: A Preliminary Assessment of the Effects of Valence State Control on Sorption	NUREG/CR-2863	February 1983
o Radionuclide Migration Around Uranium Ore Bodies--Analogue of Radioactive Waste Repositories	NUREG/CR-3941	October 1984
o Valence Effects on Solubility and Sorption	NUREG/CR-4309	March 1986
o Temperature Effects on the Solubility and Speciation of Selected Actinides	NUREG/CR-4582	June 1986
o A Study of Natural Glass Analogues as Applied to Alteration of Nuclear Waste Glass	NUREG/CR-4842	February 1987

4. Design/Rock Mechanicsa) NMSS

o Survey of Existing Underground Openings for In-Situ Experimental Facilities	LBL-12600	April 1981
o Experiments, Conceptual Design, Preliminary Cost Estimates and Schedules for an Underground Research Facility	LBL-13190	September 1981
o Information Base for Waste Repository Design	NUREG/CR-0495 Vols. 1-7	March 1979
o Identification of Characteristics Which Influence Repository Design--Domal Salt	NUREG/CR-2613	April 1984
o Identification of Characteristics Which Influence Repository Design--Tuff	NUREG/CR-2614	April 1984
o Evaluation of Alternative Shaft Sinking Techniques for HLW Deep Geologic Repositories	NUREG/CR-2854	March 1983

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<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
o Thermal Impact of Waste Emplacement and Surface Cooling Associated with Geologic Disposal of Nuclear Waste	NUREG/CR-2910	March 1983
o Relationship of an In Situ Test Facility to a Deep Geologic Repository for HLW	NUREG/CR-2959	March 1983
o In Situ Test Programs Related to Design and Construction of HLW Deep Geologic Repositories	NUREG/CR-3065 Vols. 1 and 2	March 1983
o Assessment of Retrieval Alternatives for the Geologic Disposal of Nuclear Waste	NUREG/CR-3489	May 1984
o Parameters and Variables Appearing Repository Design Models	NUREG/CR-3586	January 1984
b) <u>RES</u>		
o Rock Mass Sealing--Experimental Assessment of Borehole Plug Performance, Annual Report, 6/82-5/83	NUREG/CR-3473	September 1983
o Axial Strength of Borehole Plugs in Granite and Basalt	NUREG/CR-3594	December 1983
o Experimental Assessment of the Sealing Effectiveness of Rock Fracture Grouting	NUREG/CR-4541	March 1987
o Experimental Assessment of Borehole Wall Drilling Damage in Basaltic Rocks	NUREG/CR-4641	June 1986
o Rock Mass Sealing--Experimental Assessment of Borehole Plug Performance, Annual Report, 6/84-5/85	NUREG/CR-4642	June 1986
o Size Influence on the Sealing Performance of Cementitious Borehole Plugs	NUREG/CR-4738	September 1986

5. Waste Packagea) NMSS

o Proceedings of Conference on High-Level Radioactive Solid Waste Forms, December 19-21, 1978 at Denver, CO	NUREG/CP-0005	December 1978
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a) NMSS (Continued)

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
o Container Assessment--Corrosion Study of HLW Container Materials (Quarterly Progress Reports)	NUREG/CR-2317	1981-1982
o Nuclear Waste Management Technical Support in the Development of Nuclear Waste Form Criteria for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission	NUREG/CR-2333 Vols. 1-3	February 1982
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G. STATE/TRIBAL INTERACTIONS

NWPA Section 117(a) states that NRC must provide the states and Indian tribes timely and complete information regarding its determinations or plans made regarding siting, development, or design for licensing, construction, operation, regulation, or decommissioning. A summary of NRC's recent efforts is discussed below.

In a continuing effort to keep the states and tribes involved, the Commission has held several public meetings during the last few years, i.e., state/tribal comments on DOE's proposed siting guidelines, NRC's final concurrence decision on the DOE guidelines, a 9/6/85 meeting on Section 114(f) of the Act ("Preliminary Determination" issue), and a 1/24/86 meeting on proposed amendments to 10 CFR 60, Licensing Procedures.

Staff have made numerous presentations to the states and tribes on current NRC activities in the NWPA process. Recent examples are meetings with Nevada officials in May and August 1986, a quarterly meeting with states/tribes in Oregon, August 1986, and a crystalline states meeting in December 1986.

The NRC/DOE Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Licensing Support System continues to meet, with active state/tribal participation.

Copies of significant HLW documents are sent routinely to state/tribal contacts, and notices of availability are sent to numerous interested parties. A weekly notice of NRC/DOE upcoming meetings, both tentative and firmly established, is sent to state/tribal representatives. In addition, these upcoming meetings are also announced on a toll free telephone recording for use by the general public.

H. PROGRAM PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT REVIEWS

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>ISSUE DATE</u>
NRC comments on the DOE Draft Mission Plan	July 31, 1984
NRC comments on the DOE draft report to the President, An Evaluation of Commercial Repository Capacity for Disposal of Defense High-Level Waste	Oct. 5, 1984
SECY-84-449, Recommendations of the DOE Panel on Alternative Means of Financing and Managing Radioactive Wastes (AMFM)	Nov. 26, 1984
NRC comments on the DOE Project Decision Schedule, Preliminary Draft	Mar. 4, 1985
Staff comments to the Chairman on DOE AMFM	Mar. 8, 1985
NRC comments on the Draft DOE Project Decision Schedule	Oct. 24, 1985
NRC comments on level of detail in Section 8.3 of the DOE Site Characterization Plan	Dec. 12, 1985
Report on Section 10 of draft Project Decision Schedule transmitted from NMSS to DOE	Dec. 16, 1985
NRC comments on DOE Monitored Retrievable Storage (MRS) Facility	Feb. 5, 1986
SECY-86-66, Status of Activities Under the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, to Commission	Feb. 26, 1986
Joint NRC/DOE Notice of Technical Assistance issued	Apr. 3, 1986
10 CFR Part 72 revisions concerning licensing of the MRS published in the <u>Federal Register</u>	May 23, 1986
SECY-86-92, Proposed Revisions to 10 CFR Part 60 to Conform to EPA Standards published	June 19, 1986
Briefing Notes, Status of Activities Under the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, to Commission	July 15, 1986

III. NRC REVIEW PLANS

Review Plans document the procedure which will be used by the staff in reviewing major documents submitted by the DOE. They identify the questions that will be asked and the independent analysis that will be performed by the staff. The primary purpose of review plans is to standardize and organize the staff's review of licensing documents. They provide, indirectly, guidance to the licensee in terms of the kinds of data and information that is expected in

documents such as SCP's. They also provide useful information to interested parties about how NRC is doing its job. Draft review plans for SCA's, for Quality Assurance programs, and for Environmental Assessments have been written. Other review plans, such as the Review Plan for an Application for a Construction Authorization, will be prepared as needed.

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>ISSUE DATE</u>
Standard Review Plan for Site Characterization Plans (Draft)	August 1983
Review Plan for Quality Assurance Programs for Site Characterization of High Level Nuclear Waste Repositories	June 1984
Standard Review Plan for Draft Environmental Assessments	January 1985
Standard Review Plan for Final Environmental Assessments	March 1986

AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION

- HLW documentation, including NUREG/CR reports, received by HLWM and generated by HLWM and its contractors is routinely sent to NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), 1717 H Street, NW, Washington, DC, Telephone 202/634-3273. Contact the PDR for information and copies of NRC's HLW correspondence.
- BWIP documentation is routinely sent to a Local Public Document Room--the Richland Public Library, Richland, Washington. Other local public document rooms will be established in the future.
- Copies of NUREG/CR's can be obtained by contacting Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, P.O. Box 37082, Washington, DC 20013-7082, ATTN: Ann Butler.

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