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Dear Mr. Whiting:

SUBJECT:

SCHEDULE FOR PROGRAM ARCHITECTURE DEVELOPMENT

I have recently been informed that the CNWRA Operations Plans are expected to be received September 6, 1989. Since a number of the Center staff that would have responsibility for preparation of these plans would also be involved in the development of the Program Architecture, particularly for the Regulatory Requirements of Erosion, Substantially Complete Containment and Igneous Activity, I am concerned that this extended schedule will have an impact on the completion schedule for these items. The present heavy workload at the NRC is such that it is very important to have firm schedules to plan staff involvement in meetings and for the review of completed Center work. Accordingly, it is requested that a revised schedule be provided as to when the Center will have Program Architecture material for NRC review and when NRC/CNWRA staff interactions are needed.

Please contact me as soon as possible so that we may obtain firm commitments of staff time.

As we approach the end of the Fiscal Year I believe it would be appropriate to review what has been accomplished in WSE&I. I would suggest that the second week in October would be a good time for us to do this. Please let me know if this is an acceptable time.

The action taken by this Technical Direction is considered to be within the scope of the current contract NRC-02-88-005. No changes to cost or delivery of contracted services and products are authorized. Please notify me immediately if you believe that this Direction would result in changes to cost or delivery of contracted services or products.

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