

MEMORANDUM FOR: Shirley Fortuna  
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FROM: Jerome R. Pearring  
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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON PROJECT MANAGER'S PERIODIC REPORT ON  
ACTIVITIES OF THE CENTER, DATED JANUARY 4, 1988

The subject document pertaining to activity of the Center for the period November 21 - December 18, 1987, 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, the Center was not authorized to conduct work other than to develop Operation Plans until 5 working days prior to the end of the reporting period. For this reason all substantive activities were directed to the Ops Plans during this period.
- 2) Recommend the Center be directed to identify the NRC Element Managers and NRC Project Officer(s) as appropriate for each Program Element.
- 3) 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.
- 4) The funds identified as "allotted by NRC to date" in Subsections 6.3 and 9.2 of the report do not agree with the authorized funding identified in NRC's December 11, 1987, letter to the Center. Recommend the Center be directed to reference the funding authorization letter they use when identifying approved funding amounts.

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