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NOTE TO: Robert Johnson
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SUBJECT: SRPO TELEPHONE BRIEFING ON BRINE MIGRATION MEETING

On July 30, 1985, from approximately 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., members of DWM were briefed by members of SRPO on the brine migration meeting held in May. Staff members from DWM included Mike Tokar, John Voglewede, Chuck Peterson, Ken Jackson, and myself. Roger Wu, SRPO, and Don Clark, Jim Cunnane, and Jim Schornhorst, ONWI, briefed us on the meeting. None of the ONWI staff members are geochemists. They gave us a list of attendees, a brief overview of the agenda, and a brief overview of the discussions, conclusions, and recommendations.

The briefing was not particularly enlightening technically, although it did highlight the fact that SRPO is more concerned about the effects of brine migration than in the past and that they plan to do extensive testing and modeling. A report on the meeting will be published, no sooner than November, including recommendations for testing. Although we could not get into too much technical detail, it was agreed that we would be able to at the waste package meeting planned for October.

Roger Wu believed that the brine migration meeting was an open meeting and that there was no reason an NRC representative could not have been present. I discussed this with John Linehan afterwards, and he felt that Wu was incorrect, and that the decision not to send me was the correct one at the time.

If you have any questions or desire more detail, feel free to contact me.

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