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Dear Dr. Wright:

BWIP UNDERGROUND IN SITU TEST PLAN WORKSHOP

Transmitted herewith please find four copies of the Underground In Situ Test Plan document which will be discussed during the above subject workshop scheduled for November 29 through December 1, 1983.

As we have discussed with you, please note that the document is a preliminary working draft and not in its refined final form. In that regard, the document does not yet address all of the comments previously submitted, but is still a worthwhile discussion departure point. Although the time is short, your review of the material would be appreciated and any technical comments you may have prior to the meeting would be most helpful for our final preparation for the session.

If you have any questions regarding the upcoming workshop or support documentation please call J. E. Mecca of my staff on FTS 444-5038, or (509) 376-5038.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Mecca

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O. L. Olson, Project Manager
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In reply, refer to letter #R83-4171

Mr. O. L. Olson, Project Manager
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Dear Mr. Olson:

DRAFT EXPLORATORY SHAFT TEST PLAN - NOVEMBER 9, 1983
(Contract #DE-AC06-77RL01030)

- References: (a) Letter, September 16, 1983, R. J. Gimera to
O. L. Olson, "Revised Exploratory Shaft
Test Plan"
- (b) Letter, October 25, 1983, R. J. Gimera to
O. L. Olson, "Meeting Minutes from the
Exploratory Shaft In Situ Testing Work Shop
Held October 3-5, 1983"

A draft of the Exploratory Shaft (ES) Test Plan [Reference (a)] was prepared in accordance with the comments received during the April 1983 In Situ Testing Workshop. The September 1983 draft Test Plan was then reviewed by the Basalt Waste Isolation Project (BWIP) Overview Committee. Their comments were received in the ES In Situ Testing Workshop held October 3-5, 1983 [Reference (b)].

The attached draft of the ES Test Plan is for transmittal to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) in preparation for the November 1983 ES Test Plan Workshop. The ES Test Plan is again presented in draft form since all the Overview Committee comments could not be incorporated in the limited time available and the NRC has not had the opportunity to review the document. Also attached is a copy of the Overview Committee comments from the October 3-5, 1983 workshop and the status of their incorporation into the Test Plan

After receiving the NRC's comments at the workshop, Rockwell Hanford Operations (Rockwell) will revise the ES Test Plan accordingly and release it as a supporting document.



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Rockwell is looking forward to meeting with the NRC to review the ES Test Plan. If you have any further questions, please contact H. B. Dietz at 373-3992.

Very truly yours,

R. J. Gimera, Associate Director
Basalt Waste Isolation Project

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ATTACHMENT 2

STATUS OF OVERVIEW COMMITTEE COMMENTS

The status of the Overview Committee comments is listed in the left hand margin as "I" for comment incorporated, "P" for comment partially incorporated, or "N" for not yet addressed.

The "partially incorporated" or "not yet addressed" comments will be addressed together with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission comments received during the Exploratory Shaft Test Plan Workshop. This approach has been reviewed with the Department of Energy and concurrence received.