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MEMORANDUM FOR: Joseph O. Bunting, Chief
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SUBJECT: MEETING SUMMARY REGARDING RECEIPT OF A
LETTER FROM E. G. WERMUND, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR
BUREAU OF ECONOMIC GEOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
AT AUSTIN, TO ROBERT JOHNSON

DATE OF MEETING

June 29, 1981

PLACE OF MEETING

Division of Waste Management

ATTENDEES

Mal Knapp
John Greeves
Seth Coplan
Martha Pendleton
Bob Johnson
Janet Braun

PURPOSE

To discuss the contents of a letter received from E. G. Wermund,
Associate Director, Bureau of Economic Geology, University of Texas at
Austin, to Robert Johnson regarding his concerns involving NRC contract
work in the State of Texas.

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SUMMARY

The key staff involved with the two contracts mentioned in the letter met to discuss the contents of the letter, and the sensitivity of the State of Texas to potential activities of the contractor.

The letter was examined line-by-line for misconceptions and inaccuracies regarding the activities in the Palo Duro Basin, and the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory and Sandia Laboratories contracts. Areas noted were:

- 1) "select" = evaluate (more descriptive term)
- 2) "potential" = representative (more descriptive term)
- 3) "that site" = these kinds of sites (more descriptive term)
- 4) Field Work: "If another or any research team in the Palo Duro Basin gave an impression of "siting" at this time it would create a substantial impediment to the program". (Apparent sensitivity to the May Texas Trip of geologists).
- 5) Contract misinformation needs to be clarified - basically paperwork/modeling, some local literature searches possible.
- 6) DOE coordination - NRC has a Procedural Agreement with DOE that covers activities, and contract work is reviewed by the Home Office for Laboratory work.
- 7) Contact with Ed Vetter's office - no NRC or contractor contact was made, calls need to be made regarding both contracts and to clarify misinformation.
NOTE: Only contact made was by Seth Coplan to Tom Gustofson, Texas Survey, 4 to 6 weeks ago, indicating there may be a need for some local literature.

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PURPOSED ACTION

- 1) Call Wemund and discuss the letter, make clarifications, solicit why letter was written, other concerns.
- 2) Call Ed Vetter, Texas Liason (NRC) and provide him with a general background, solicit specific concerns (Conference call).

NOTE

- ° Contract information should be of a generic or general nature -it would be unwieldy to contact the state for every contract effort.
- ° Before calls are made, a meeting is to be scheduled with Jack Martin to review purposed action, and the State of Texas sensitivity to Federal activities in the State (at my request).

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- ° Draft copy of Meeting Summary sent to Jack Martin in lieu of meeting with note (Attachment 1).
- ° Jack Martin made decision that John Surmeier and Hub Miller are to handle along with Wayne Kerr with telacommunication - keep low profile.

/s/

Janet G. Braun
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