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Ladies and Gentlemen:

REVIEW AND COMMENT ON WORKING DRAFT "AN EVALUATION OF ECONOMIC-DEMOGRAPHIC MODELS FOR IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF NUCLEAR WASTE REPOSITORY DEVELOPMENT AT HANFORD, WASHINGTON", SEPTEMBER 1987

Enclosed for your review is a working draft paper of DOE RL's evaluation of economic-demographic models. The modeling capabilities are required to support the analysis of socioeconomic impacts during Site Characterization as well as to conduct the population projections for radiological assessment program.

The Regional Economic Models Inc.'s (REMI) F-53 model has been selected as the economic module to be linked as a hybrid model for the yet to be selected demographic and sub allocation modules. This evaluation is incomplete, as noted in the text of the report, and does not reflect the most recent revisions to the Socioeconomic Analysis of Repository Siting Model (SEARS) currently being conducted by the Salt Project Office. As noted in the text, when the SEARS revisions are complete, BWIP will evaluate SEARS as the potential for the BWIP HYBIRD linked model.

We are planning on discussing our evaluation in more detail at the BWIP Quarterly Meeting to be held October 14, 1987. Please do not hesitate to call S. C. Whitfield of my staff on (509) 376-2048 if you have any questions or concerns.

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