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Dear Mr. Lenihan:

MONTHLY TRANSMITTAL OF "SCHEDULE FOR NEAR TERM BWIP SITE CHARACTERIZATION ACTIVITIES"

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the schedule for Site and Engineered Barriers Department activities in the precharacterization phase of the Basalt Waste Isolation Project, along with a copy of the letter which is routinely sent to the State of Washington and participating Indian Tribes. The enclosed activities schedule has been discussed from time to time as a worthwhile endeaver with Mr. Cook and Dr. Wright. If you find it beneficial to the NRC, we would be most happy to include the NRC on future formal distribution.

If you require further information, please contact Mr. James E. Mecca of my staff, telephone FTS 444-5038.

Very truly yours,

O. L. Olson, Director Basalt Waste Isolation Division

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Gentlemen:

MONTHLY TRANSMITTAL OF "SCHEDULE FOR NEAR TERM BWIP SITE CHARACTERIZATION ACTIVITIES"

Enclosed for your use is our monthly update and schedule for Site and Engineered Barriers Department activities in this precharacterization phase.

As committed, we will continue to update this information on a regular basis. Should you have any questions relative to this transmittal, please contact Mr. C. Thomas Tinsley of my staff on (509) 376-8736.

Very truly yours,

O. L. Olson, Director Basalt Waste Isolation Division

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bcc's for letter, Olson to States/Indian Tribes, "Monthly Transmittal of Schedule for Near Term BWIP Site Characterization Activities"

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SITE AND ENGINEERED BARRIERS DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

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0	Install Westbay Packer in RRL-14	09/01-09/30/85	
0	Run and grout liner in DC-3 (to support seismic monitoring)	Complete	17
0	Remove bridge plugs from RRL-14	Complete	1
0	Groundwater monitoring of boreholes DC-19, DC-20, and DC-22	Daily	
0	Monitoring of other boreholes	Weekly	
ο	Integrity testing, DB-14	Complete	
0	Integrity testing, DB-1	Complete	
ο	Deepen Borehole DH-28	Complete	
0	Drill cable tool start holes, RRL-2B, RRL-2C	Complete	
0	Drill rotary hole RRL-2C	Complete	
0	Surveying gravity at magnetic stations	Complete	7
0	Electronmicroprobe analysis of flow top samples	Ongoing	1.
0	X-ray diffraction analysis of flow top samples	Ongoing	
_0	Modeling gravity, magnetic data	Ongoing	
0	Collection of magnetic and gravity data	Ongoing	
0	Seismic data surveillance analysis	Ongoing	
0	Lab studies on sorption and chemical dissolution	Daily	
0	Test Cohassett in RRL-2A	Complete	
0	Drill rotary hole RRL-2B	Complete	7
0	Deepen borehole DH-28	Complete	•
0	Drill RRL-17 to top of Grande Ronde	07/15-08/15/85	
			7
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0	Develop method for rock analysis using ICP-AES	Ongoing	7
0	Upgrade anion analysis on ion chromotography	Ongoing	
0	Develop method for analysis of groundwater tracer using HPLC	Ongoing	
0	Support to Site Department database development	Ongoing	
0	Development of methods for analysis using AA	Ongoing	7
С	Procedure development	Ongoing	•
-0	Analysis of aqueous solution samples from hydrothermal	Ongoing	
	testing and groundwater sampling	A .	
0	Field and field analyses of water from local springs.	Ongoing	
	unconfined aquifer and other test horizons		
0	Laboratory upgrade of uv-visible spectrophotometric equipment	Complete 05/30/85	
0	Study of kinetic of decomposition of hydrogen peroxide with	Ongoing	7
	basalt under various conditions using uv-visible spectropho-		
-	tometry	0	
0	Develop method for analysis of fixed gases in water samples	Ongoing	
_	by gas chromatography	0	
0	Develop improved methods for chemical speciation measurements	Ongoing	
	of arsenic and selenium for use in analysis of hydrothermal		
~	samples	Ongoing	7
0	Development and initiation of improved methods of records	Ongoing	17
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