

SUBJECT: TRIP REPORT, VISIT TO NEVADA AND WASHINGTON STATE OFFICICALS ON STATE PARTICIPATION IN HLW LICENSING AND SITE CHARACTERIZATION REPORT REIVEWS

On May 19 through 22, Hubert J. Miller, Seth Coplan, Robert Wright, Ronald Uleck and Rob MacDougall visited officials of Nevada and Washington States on the above subject. Miller, Coplan, Uleck and MacDougall spent about four hours with Robert Loux, Assistant Director of the Nevada Department of Energy, on Thursday, May 20. After a brief visit with regional staff of the the U.S. Geologic Survey in Takoma, Miller, Wright, Uleck and MacDougall spent most of the afternoon on Friday, May 21 with David Stevens of the Washington Governor's Office, Nick Lewis of the State Energy Facility Siting Council, and Dick Watson, head of the State Energy Office. At both meetings with State officials, Miller summarized the HLW program and the NRC licensing process, emphasizing 10 CFR 60 Subpart C provisions for State participation. In

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the ensuing discussion, officials of both states expressed interest in continuing discussions as they would help the States formulate positions on how to deal with the matter of characterizing sites for potential use a high-level waste repositories.

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