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FROM: Nicholas D. Lewis, Chairman *Nicholas D. Lewis*

SUBJECT: Schedule Delay for Exploratory Shaft Drilling

The drill rig which is now on the Hanford site for use in drilling the exploratory shaft has been put on standby, pending issuance of the draft environmental assessment (EA) for the Basalt Waste Isolation Project. The drilling crew has been sent home to reduce the costs of the delay. Publication of the EA is scheduled for March 4 in the Federal Register. The public hearing will be held March 25, 1983 in Richland. Drilling operations will not start until the public hearings on the environmental assessment have been held and assessed by DOE management.

I have been consulted by DOE and have concurred in this approach as providing appropriate opportunities for review without incurring undue delays in the drilling schedule.

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- cc: Task Force Designees
- Jim Pluntze, DSHS
- Don Provost, Ecology
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