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TO: High-Level Nuclear Waste Management Task Force Members:  
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Representative Dick Nelson  
Sue Gould, Advisory Council Chair.

FROM: Nicholas D. Lewis, Chairman

SUBJECT: April 15, 1983 Task Force Meeting Summary

The meeting began at 1:00 p.m. in the Governor's conference room with the following members and designees present: Nick Lewis, Chairman, Dave Stevens, Don Moos, John Beare, Chuck Clarke, Don Provost, Ray Lasmanis, Ed McGuire, Jim Pluntze. Advisory Council members present were: Sue Gould, Anita Monoian, Russell Jim, Jerome Finnigan, Joe Jackson, Bill Sebero, Lane Bray. Others attending were John Gervers, Charles Barron, Barry Bede, Mal Murphy, Jim Davenport, Clarence Ingersoll, Lee Gronemeyer, Eleonore Price, Dick Corlette, David Pentz, Bill Roberts, and Jim Voss.

The chairman opened the meeting with a brief review of directives that had been carried out in the interim since the last Task Force meeting, including testimony given at the U.S. DOE Guideline hearings in Seattle and the Environmental Assessment hearings in Richland.

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John Gervers presented an overview of his final report (work plan) which addresses the various actions he believes the state should take in the next several months and years. The report places a strong emphasis on liaison work--with state governments, Federal agencies, Congressional committees, etc. Mr. Gervers also reported on the most recent National Governors' Association State Working Group on High-Level Radioactive Waste Management meeting. Robert Morgan from the Department of Energy, met with the group to review the department's latest time schedules (April 4, 1983--distributed) and the opportunities for states to interact with the department on the siting guidelines, prior to submittal to NRC. Mr. Gervers reviewed some of the more important dates in the schedule, but explained that constant revisions seem to be the rule. Mr. Morgan, in speaking to the National Governors' Association Working Group, also noted that DOE is attempting to make access to information (reports and contracts) available to states much earlier. Development of the department's mission plan, required by the Nuclear Waste Policy Act, is being accelerated and should be out within 6 months--states should be involved in this process. Officials from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission also met with the State Working Group to review rule 10CFR60 of which subpart C regards state participation, and will likely undergo some revision.

Mr. Gervers next discussed consultation and concurrence agreements; including a paper used by the NGA Working Group for discussion purposes. Washington State has been nominated by DOE as a potential repository site and, therefore, may enter negotiations with the department at any time. Should the President give his approval of this state as a potential site, Washington would have to enter negotiations within 60 days (tentatively scheduled for September 15, 1983). Once started, an agreement must be negotiated within 180 days. Mr. Gervers further reviewed the eleven topical areas identified by the Nuclear Waste Policy Act for inclusion in the agreement.

Golder Associates, Inc., presented their review of the Site Characterization Report for the Basalt Waste Isolation Project. Copies of the draft report were mailed to Task Force members and copies of the presentation were distributed. The Golder presentation indicated that the SCR contained some good information, particularly geological, and then went on to note some critical areas requiring further study.

Don Provost reported that the State Agency Working Group had reviewed the report and recommended a cover letter be prepared to accompany the report to both the Department of Energy and the

Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The report must be out by early June if it is to be used by the department in preparing their next update of the SCR. Mr. Provost suggested the following schedule and the Task Force approved.

<u>Task</u>	<u>By Whom</u>	<u>By When</u>
Summarize SCR	Golder Associates, Inc.	Completed
Review	Agency Technical Group	4/29/83
Develop Comments	Agency Technical Group	5/13/83
Task Force Review	Task Force	5/20/83
Submit Comments	Chairman	6/1/83

The Task Force also agreed to have additional discussions with Golder Associates concerning their continued service.

Sue Gould reported that the Advisory Council is continuing their work on the Structure and Function of the Council and placed a paper before the Task Force for approval. A telephone survey will be conducted for the opinion of the Task Force. The Public Information program is still being studied; the program will be expensive and involved. Jerry Finnigan reported that the Advisory Council would like to ask DOE, Richland for a tour and briefing. The briefing would be an overview of the properties of basalt and perhaps some comparison to other media. The Task Force approved the Advisory Council's request for the briefing and tour. Russell Jim distributed a paper on the Affected Tribe Status of the Yakima Indian Nation, and it was decided that an acknowledgment response should be made.

Don Provost made a report for the work plan subcommittee in Dick Watson's absence. The committee made three recommendations: That staffing be delayed until the situation in the legislature is settled; that legal assistance be hired for the consultation and cooperation agreement; and that the State Agency Working Group prepare a summary of the issues in the SCR.

The following actions were taken by the Task Force:

-Approved the negotiation of a 30 day contract with the law

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firm of Murphy & Davenport to develop a strategy for negotiation of a consultation/cooperation agreement

-Approved May 20 for the next Task Force Meeting

-Approved a site visit to the Nevada test site

-Approved a public reading room in Olympia

The DOE will provide documents and funding with a goal of 5,000 technical documents. There will be approximately 1200 documents to start the library.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

cc: Task Force Designees  
John Beare, DSHS  
Don Provost, Ecology  
Ray Lasmanis, DNR  
Chuck Clarke, PCAA  
Ed McGuire, WSEO