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SUBJECT: NOTES OF DOE/NRC MANAGEMENT MEETING ON BWIP, SILVER SPRING  
 MAY 27, 1983

Attendees: DOE: Anttonen, Olson, Frei, Deju (RHO)  
 NRC: Miller, Wright, Greeves, Bell\*, Browning\* (\*part time)

Agenda: The modified proposed agenda (attached) was followed.

Strategy for DSCA Issue Definition and Resolution:

DOE tabled "BWIP Process and Response to NRC Issue Resolution and Plan for SCP Preparation." This document presents, in tabular form, the comments extracted by RHO from the text and Appendices B and C of the DSCA, together with notes on the approach to resolution. Pages i through v and Table 1 of the document were reviewed and discussed.

It was agreed that a "clarification" meeting that would involve only senior staff will be held the week of June 13 in Richland to confirm that there is an adequate understanding of the NRC concerns and agreement on an approach for resolving them. Specifically, the intent of the meeting is to ensure that the comment document is complete and the "Description of Item" -- left column in each table -- is accurate and responsive to the intent of the DSCA. In addition, agreement will be sought on the notes on approach to disposition of the comments -- right column in each table. This would include agreeing upon agendas for focused technical meetings.

Both NRC and DOE expressed the desire to resolve concerns at the earliest possible time. DOE indicated that the preparation of the BWIP SCP impacts its

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ability to hold focused meetings before August. NRC proposed to settle the DSCA concerns through consultation while the SCP is in preparation. It was agreed that a review of focused meeting plans would be undertaken in conjunction with the clarification meeting. Olson and Wright will confer the week of 6/30 on the agenda for the June 13 meeting.

NRC stressed the urgency of early consultation on hydrologic test plans. NRC observed that it has been since summer of last year that there has been any comprehensive review of hydrologic testing results and consultation on remaining issues and plans. It appears from the recent ACRS presentation that quite a bit of testing has occurred over the past year and there is concern that some of the test methods are questionable. There is a question whether additional testing should be done before shaft construction begins. This point has potential schedule impact. Furthermore, the DOE comment document lists plans to start new boreholes for hydrologic testing in July. Therefore, it was agreed that an early hydrology meeting be held in advance of settling on the slate of focused meetings, during the week of June 13 or the following week. Olson and Wright will settle the precise timing.

Procedural Agreement:

In working toward a DOE/NRC procedural agreement, NRC will transmit some draft ideas and DOE will work toward a draft to be discussed during the week of June 13. NRC provided a copy of a procedural agreement being worked out with DOE-HQ. Among items to be covered are:-- contact points and interactions; identification, development, convergence and documentation of issues; and meetings -- agenda, procedures, involvement of outside groups, documents. It was agreed that the procedural agreement must provide mechanisms to assure DOE/NRC consultations by State and Tribes, and that, in general, the process of consultation must be open and documented.

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