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NOTE TO: John J. Linehan, Acting Chief  
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FROM: Ronald L. Ballard, Chief  
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SUBJECT: TR REVIEW OF DOE DOCUMENTS SUPPORTING THE EXPEDITED  
SPECIAL CASE RESTART OF DC-23, DC-24, DC-25, DC-32 AND  
DC-33

The Technical Review Branch has examined the package of documents transmitted to the NRC by the Department of Energy's (DOE) Basalt Waste Isolation Project (BWIP) by letter dated June 26, 1987, in support of the expedited restart of constructing piezometer facilities DC-23, DC-24, DC-25, DC-32 and DC-33. We have initiated our review and plan to forward comments to you by Monday, July 27, 1987. DOE had initially forwarded the data package by letter dated June 17, 1987 and requested comments by July 13, 1987. Their June 26 submittal (referenced above) replaced most of the initially transmitted documents plus 13 additional reports making their July 13 target date unrealistic.

Our review will be selective, focusing primarily on major issues that may affect the restart activities. The review will be limited for several reasons, including: (1) an attempt to accommodate the DOE request for an expedited review, (2) the voluminous data package which includes 38 reports and 44 drawings, and (3) awareness that the program and many of the key documents will be resubmitted for thorough review as part of DOE's Site Characterization Plan.

Our initial scanning of the June 26 data package indicated a probable need for review by other disciplines (Quality Assurance, Environmental and Policy) in addition to Hydrology, Geology/Geophysics and Geochemistry. This need was mentioned to the Project Manager, S. Wastler, during the July 8 scoping meeting, and should be considered in preparing the HLWM comment package.

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