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Report of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission - Department of Energy
Meeting of the Geohydrology Testing Program before Construction of the
Exploratory Shaft

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A meeting was held on April 7 - 9, 1987, at the Rivershore Motel, Richland, Washington. The purpose of the meeting was (1) for the Department of Energy (DOE) to present the planned program of geohydrologic testing at the Hanford site that would precede construction of the exploratory shaft; (2) for the DOE to respond to concerns raised by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff, States and Tribes at the December, 1985, meeting on the Basalt Waste Isolation Project's (BWIP) geohydrology program and in the staff's letter dated April 10, 1986; and (3) for all interested parties to reach agreement on the planned testing program or to reach agreement on how to resolve any major concerns with the planned program.

The DOE opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m. with introductions of the key representatives (including contractors) from DOE, NRC, State of Washington, State of Oregon, Nez Perce Indian Nation, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR), and Yakima Indian Nation. The listing of registered participants is provided in attachment 11. The DOE then introduced the members of the task force (attachment 12) which prepared the option paper (attachment 13).

As the first order of business, the DOE announced that the DOE presentations in the 9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. time period on April 7, 1987, would be rearranged

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