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**DRAFT AGENDA
DOE/NRC TECHNICAL EXCHANGE MEETING
THERMAL EFFECTS ON FLOW AND EVOLUTION OF THE NEAR-FIELD ENVIRONMENT
KEY TECHNICAL ISSUES
CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL
11950 DUBLIN CANYON ROAD
PLEASANTON, CALIFORNIA
JANUARY 8 - 12, 2001**

***INTERESTED PARTIES CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE TECHNICAL EXCHANGE VIA
TELECON BY CALLING 1-702-295-6081.***

Objective: Provide the basis to resolve open issues related to the Thermal Effects on Flow (TEF) and Evolution of the Near Field Environment (ENFE) Key Technical Issues (KTIs)

Times are approximate since the agenda items are expected to provide a framework for wider ranging discussions. Times allotted for each presentation includes time for the DOE presentation and time for accompanying discussion.

Monday, January 8, 2001

8:00 – 8:20 AM	TEF Introduction/Objectives/Logistics Purpose of the Interaction
8:20 – 8:40 AM	Key Technical Issue on Thermal Effects on Flow – Summary of Status from DOE Perspective [DOE(Barr)/NRC]
8:40 – 9:10 AM	Overview of Model and Data Uncertainties [DOE(Coppersmith)/NRC]
9:10 – 9:45 AM	Thermal Effects on Flow - Impacts on TSPA • DOE Presentation [DOE(Francis)/NRC] • Discussion
9:45 – 10:00 AM	BREAK
10:00 – 10:30 AM	TEF & ENFE FEPs joint discussion (includes TEF Subissue 1 and ENFE Subissues 1, 2, 3 & 4) [DOE(Francis)/NRC]
10:30 – 11:15 AM	Caucus on TEF Subissue 1
11:15 – 11:45 AM	DOE/NRC Discussion of Resolution Status
11:45 – 12:45 PM	LUNCH
12:45 – 2:40 PM	Subissue 2: Thermal Effects on Temperature, Humidity, Saturation and Flux • DOE Presentation [DOE(Hardin, Peters, Bodvarsson)/NRC] • Discussion

Monday, January 8, 2001 (continued)

2:40 – 2:55 PM	BREAK
2:55 – 4:15 PM	Subissue 2: Thermal Effects on Temperature, Humidity, Saturation and Flux (Continued) • DOE Presentation [DOE(Hardin, Peters, Bodvarsson)/NRC] • Discussion
4:15 – 5:15 PM	Caucus on Subissue 2
5:15 – 5:30 PM	DOE/NRC Discussion of Resolution Status
5:30 – 5:45 PM	Closing Remarks
5:45 PM	Adjourn first day

Tuesday, January 9, 2001

8:00 – 9:00 AM	Final TEF Caucus
9:00 – 9:15 AM	Closing Remarks
9:15 AM	Adjourn TEF Meeting
9:15 – 11:30 AM	TEF Meeting Minutes / Agreement Letter development
11:30 – 11:45 AM	BREAK
11:45 – 12:05 PM	ENFE Introduction/Objectives Purpose of the Interaction
12:05 – 12:30 PM	Key Technical Issue on Evolution of the Near-Field Environment -- Summary of Status from DOE Perspective [DOE(Newbury, Barr)/NRC]
12:30 – 1:30 PM	LUNCH
1:30 – 3:20 PM	Evolution of the Near-Field Environment – Impact on TSPA [DOE(Nowak, Recharde)/NRC]
3:20 – 3:35 PM	BREAK
3:35 – 4:10 PM	Evolution of the Near-Field Environment – Impact on TSPA [DOE(Gross)/NRC]
4:10 – 4:50 PM	Subissue 1: Effects of Coupled Thermal-Hydrologic-Chemical Processes on Seepage and Flow [DOE(Sonnenthal)/NRC]
4:50 – 5:05 PM	Closing Remarks
5:05 PM	Adjourn

Wednesday January 10, 2001

8:00 – 9:30 AM	Subissue 1: Effects of Coupled Thermal-Hydrologic-Chemical Processes on Seepage and Flow (continued) [DOE(Spycher, Hardin)/NRC]
9:30 – 9:45 AM	BREAK
9:45 – 10:30 AM	Subissue 1: Effects of Coupled Thermal-Hydrologic-Chemical Processes on Seepage and Flow (continued) [DOE(Sonnenthal)/NRC]
10:30 – 12:00 PM	Caucus on Subissue 1
12:00 – 1:00 PM	LUNCH
1:00 – 1:30 PM	DOE/NRC Discussion of Resolution Status Subissue 1
1:30 – 2:15 AM	Subissue 4: Effects of Coupled Thermal-Hydrologic-Chemical Processes on Radionuclide Transport [DOE(Houseworth)/NRC]
2:15 – 3:15 PM	Caucus on Subissue 4
3:15 – 3:45 PM	DOE/NRC Discussion of Resolution Status Subissue 4
3:45 – 4:40 PM	Subissue 2: Effects of Coupled Thermal-Hydrologic-Chemical Processes on the Waste Package Environment [DOE(Hardin)/NRC]
4:40 – 5:10 PM	Closing Remarks
5:10 PM	Adjourn

Thursday January 11, 2001

8:00 – 9:30 AM	Subissue 2: Effects of Coupled Thermal-Hydrologic-Chemical Processes on the Waste Package Environment [DOE(Hardin)/NRC]
9:30 – 9:45 AM	BREAK
9:45 – 11:15 AM	Subissue 2: Effects of Coupled Thermal-Hydrologic-Chemical Processes on the Waste Package Environment (continued) [DOE(Hardin, Gdowski)/NRC]
11:15 -- 12:45PM	Caucus on Subissue 2
12:30 – 1:30 PM	LUNCH
1:30 – 2:00 PM	DOE/NRC Discussion of Resolution Status
2:00 – 3:20 PM	Subissue 3: Effects of Coupled Thermal-Hydrologic-Chemical Processes on the Chemical Environment for Radionuclide Release [DOE(Stockman)/NRC]
3:20 – 3:35 PM	BREAK

Thursday January 11, 2001 (continued)

3:35 – 4:35 PM	Caucus on Subissue 3
4:35 – 5:05 PM	DOE/NRC Discussion of Resolution Status
5:05 – 5:15 PM	Closing Remarks
5:15 PM	Adjourn ENFE Meeting

Friday January 12, 2001

8:00 – 12:00 noon	ENFE Meeting Minutes / Agreement Letter Development
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