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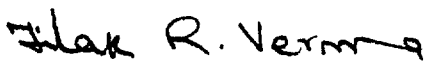
1. I have been reviewing the EA comments prepared by the technical staff in the Division. Comments and suggestions were discussed with appropriate technical team members. At the request of the RP Branch, I also reviewed comments on BWIP-Hydrogeology. Input was provided to Bob Wright.
2. The SRPO-ONWI management and technical staff is quite pleased with the technical nature and details of the NRC comments on each of the seven Draft EA's for the potential salt sites. SRPO Managers feel that the NRC Technical Staff has raised some key technical issues that need reevaluation and further analyses by DOE and their contractors. I am discussing the ways for establishing direct technical contacts between NRC technical staff and their DOE counterparts.
3. SRPO is in the process of signing a Procedural Agreement with WIPP for technical cooperation and information exchange. I have requested a copy of the agreement. I am also pursuing the possibility of my attending the technical meetings between SRP and WIPP.
4. During the week of March 18, 1985, I attended a Repository Design Coordination Meeting at Fluor Engineering Corporation in Irvine, California. Progress and status of several design related activities were presented. The meeting was very informative and useful for us. I have provided a detailed briefing on this meeting to the Division Staff. The key technical issues discussed at the meeting were: (i) constructability at the Deaf Smith Site in the Palo Duro Basin, (ii) retrievability, (iii) applicability of Gas Mine Regulations, and (iv) safety classification for the repository design, construction, and operation.
5. During the week of March 25, 1985, I met with the members of the Salt Repository Project Team. Discussions were held with the Project Management and with the Technical Staff on the status of the project activities and on ways of improving interaction between the Salt On-Site Rep and the Salt Repository Project Team.

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In discussions with the technical staff they appear to recognize the usefulness of effective interaction between the OLR and the Salt Repository Project Team. I will start calling each of the Team Members on a regular basis and try to learn about their information needs. This may lead to a more effective use of my time in gathering information from DOE and their contractors. I will also be informing the Salt Repository Project Team about the import meetings between DOE and their contractors.

  
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