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FROM:

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SUBJECT:

SRP Site Report for the Weeks of
July 8, 1985 through August 12, 1985

1. Reviewed Mission Plan and Project Decision Schedule. Some key comments were discussed with the WMRP and WMPC staff. It should be noted that there are only eight months shown for In Situ Testing in salt. From the discussions I had with the SRPO staff, I gathered that the duration for In Situ Testing in salt would be 18 months.
2. Presentation by NRC consultant, Bill Bland was well received. SRPO and ONWI management are assessing the possibility of having Bland work for DOE. After the Bland presentation, Bell, Kennedy, Delligatti and I met with Neff, Wunderlich, Reese and Hood (BPMD's QA Manager). SRPO presented the status of their QA plans and activities.
3. On July 31, 1985, I attended the DOE/NRC meeting on the proposed DOE Retrievability Position Paper. NRC comments were discussed. It is my observation that retrievability in salt remains a principal issue. DOE plans to use this generic position paper for developing site specific positions for retrievability.
4. On August 3 and 4, 1985, I attended meetings with salt team members at the HQ (NRC). Discussions were held on status of EA comments, repository design activities and waste package.
5. On August 5, 6, 7 and 8, 1985, I attended the NRC/DOE Permian Basin data review at the Texas Bureau of Economic Geology in Austin, Texas. SRPO and their contractors discussed their work on stratigraphic sections in the Permian Basin. Presentations were made on geologic and geophysical logging of DOE drill holes. Cores from the Grabbe No. 1, J. Friemel No. 1 and Zeeck No. 1 were examined for stratigraphy, fractures and dissolution features. A brief overview of ongoing activities was provided by SRPO, TBEG, and by ONWI subcontractors.

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