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Hubert Miller, Chief
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Dear Mr. Miller:

RESCHEDULING OF MEETINGS WITH NRC

Due to our work on the guidelines and planning for environmental assessments, the work we had anticipated being completed in time for a performance assessment workshop with the NRC for the Salt Repository Project will not be completed in October. Therefore, we have been discussing with R. Johnson of your staff our best alternative meeting schedule. This letter formally documents what we have mutually agreed upon and is intended as notification to the various parties associated with the meetings for the NRC.

The new schedule for upcoming meetings of the Salt Repository Project with NRC is:

October 13 - Joint meeting in Silver Spring, MD, with DOE/NV to discuss generic performance assessment issues of the definition of the disturbed zone and compliance/implementation of the EPA standard.

October 25-26 - Meeting in Columbus on repository design, exploratory shaft and in situ testing.

We anticipate completing the work which would allow a productive performance assessment meeting with NRC specific to the Salt Repository Project in the March 1984 time frame. Enclosed is a reordered agenda for the now October 25-26 meeting on repository design, etc. It simply places the exploratory shaft agenda items first since that is the area of current activity and

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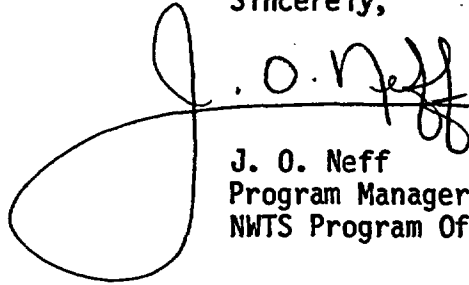
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Mr. Hubert Miller

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planning. Please let us know if you have further preferences for reordering of the agenda for the October 25-26 meeting. We would appreciate your supplying us with an agenda for the October 13 meeting as soon as possible. In the absence of guidance to the contrary, we are not preparing any presentation materials for the October 13 meeting since it is our understanding that it is intended as a discussion meeting.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. O. Neff'. The signature is written over the typed name and title.

J. O. Neff
Program Manager
NWTs Program Office

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Enclosures: 9/22/83 Agenda of DOE/NRC Pre-SCP Meeting on Repository Design, Exploratory Shaft and In Situ Testing at Battelle in Columbus, Ohio on October 25-26, 1983.

cc with enclosure:

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AGENDA
DOE/NRC Pre-SCP Meeting
REPOSITORY DESIGN, EXPLORATORY SHAFT AND IN SITU TESTING
Battelle, Columbus, OH October 25-26, 1983

Purpose of Meeting

To discuss DOE conceptual repository design and review plans for exploratory shaft and in situ testing with NRC in advance of preparing Site Characterization Plans.

First Day

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| 8:30 - 8:45am | Introduction/Opening Remarks | NPO/NRC |
| 8:45 - 11:15am | Discussion of Exploratory Shaft Design and Construction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Design Status ● Construction Plans ● ES Construction Testing and Monitoring ● NRC ES and Sealing Letter of 6/15/83 | ONWI |
| 11:45 - 1:00pm | Lunch | |
| 1:00 - 2:00pm | Discussion of In Situ Testing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Plans ● Level of Test Pre- and Post-SCP/LA ● TEF | ONWI |
| 2:00 - 3:00pm | Discussion of NRC General Technical Position on In Situ Testing | NRC |
| 3:00 - 4:30pm | Discussion of Conceptual Repository Design <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Status and Schedule ● Design Bases ● Level of Detail in SCP and LA | ONWI |
| 4:30pm | Adjourn First Day | |

Second Day

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| 8:30 - 9:45am | Discussion of NRC General Technical Position on Conceptual Repository Design | NRC |
| 9:45 - 10:00am | Break | |
| 10:00 - 11:30am | Discussion of Issue Identification <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Stability (openings)● Retrievability● Canister Failure● Engineered Barriers● Coupled Thermal-Mechanical-Hydro-Geochemical Factors | ONWI/NRC |
| 11:30 - 12:00 | General Discussion | ALL |
| 12:00 - 1:00pm | Lunch | |
| 1:00 - 1:30pm | Discussion of QA Program <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Site Data/Design Interface● Design Control Procedures● NRC Position on QA | ONWI |
| 1:30 - 3:00pm | Prepare Meeting Minutes | NRC/NPO/ONWI |
| 3:00pm | Closing Remarks, Wrap Up, Adjourn | |