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TO: Governor's High-Level Nuclear Waste  
Management Task Force  
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and Health Services  
Donald Moos, Director, Department of Ecology  
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Agency  
Representative Georgette Valle  
Senator Al Williams  
Representative Shirley Hankins  
Senator Max Benitz

FROM: Nicholas D. Lewis, Chairman

SUBJECT: Meeting of October 22, 1982--Summary

The second meeting of the Governor's Task Force convened at approximately 9:15 a.m. October 22, 1982 in room 780 of the Federal Building in Richland, Washington. Due to adverse weather conditions some members arrived late. Chairman Lewis attempted to bring everyone up-to-date by the day's end. The following members were present:

Nicholas D. Lewis, Chairman  
David Stevens, Assistant to the Governor  
Brian J. Boyle, Commissioner of Public Lands  
Richard Watson, State Energy Office  
Karen Rahm, Director, Planning and Community Affairs Agency  
Senator Al Williams  
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Also attending were:

Sam Reed, DSHS, Designee for Alan J. Gibbs  
Don Provost, DOE, Designee for Donald Moos  
Ray Lasmanis, DNR, Designee for Brian J. Boyle, Land  
Commissioner  
Chuck Clarke, PCAA, Designee for Karen Rahm  
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J. William Bennett, Deputy Director, Office of Waste  
Isolation  
Alex G. Fremling, Manager, U.S.D.O.E., Richland  
John Anttonen, Assistant Manager for Projects and Facilities  
O. L. Olson, Project Manager, BWIP  
Dick Hanes, U.S.D.O.E.  
R. A. Deju, Rockwell, Director of BWIP  
Ralph Gimera, Rockwell

Chairman Lewis briefed the task force members on the grant proposal which was submitted to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) earlier in October. Members were provided with a copy of the proposal. It was hoped that confirmation of the funding would be given by DOE staff during their on-site briefing, but due to complications this was not the case. (Funding has since been approved.)

The second order of business was discussion of a work plan which would allow the task force to proceed. There appeared to be general agreement that the immediate objective should continue to be briefings by federal entities (DOE and NRC) and to review the site characterization report as soon as it becomes available. Various options were also discussed for arriving at a more detailed work plan, including the following: the chairman and his staff could work on it; task force members could form committees; or a consultant could be hired. The general consensus seemed to be to table the subject until the next meeting at which time the chairman may provide a more detailed recommendation on how to proceed. On the subject of hiring a consultant, a letter from a Mr. John Gervers of Latir Energy Consultants (New Mexico) was circulated for task force members to consider.

Future meetings were discussed and the chairman announced that the next formal meeting is scheduled for the 15th of November. On this date senior-level NRC staff will brief the task force on their role in the high-level waste issue. The possibility of an early meeting, perhaps following the elections, was mentioned but no decision was made.

Chairman Lewis reviewed the progress of the advisory bodies which are being formed as a support structure to the task force. It is hoped that appointments to the Advisory Council (citizens and elected officials) will be made early in November. The Technical Advisory Group will likely be appointed somewhat later and be left open-ended to allow for additions should they be deemed appropriate by the task force and the Governor.

David Stevens, from the Governor's office, prompted some discussion on the House and Senate bills now pending in the Congress. (A summary comparison of the two bills was provided.) Mr. Stevens closed the meeting by informing the task force that the Governor would like to have a memorial drafted to be sent to Congress indicating that Washington State would like to participate actively in matters concerning high-level waste.

Following the task force meeting, Alex Fremling, Manager of U.S. D.O.E. Richland Operations, presented a "Hanford Overview." Mr. Fremling described the evolution of the Hanford area from a small village in 1939 to the modern energy facility it is today. Mr. Fremling was followed by Bill Bennett, Deputy Director of the Office of Waste Isolation. He presented some background on the National Waste Terminal Storage Program. Included in his review were some comments on the pros and cons of legislation now pending in the U.S. Congress.

The task force completed its briefing by DOE with a bus ride out to the Near Surface Test Facility (NSTF). At the NSTF Mr. Raul Deju, Rockwell's Director of the Basalt Waste Isolation Program (BWIP), briefed the task force on some of the area's geology and certain key technical issues. Some information on the project's engineering, conceptual design, and testing at the NSTF was then described by Mr. Ralph Gimera, also of Rockwell. A tour of the NSTF was then conducted and a trip past the exploratory shaft site was provided at the day's end.

#### Information

We received an advance copy of the Site Characterization Report

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