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MEMORANDUM FOR: John B. Martin, Director
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FROM: Ross A. Scarano, Chief
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SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT - DOE REMEDIAL ACTION PROGRAM (331161)

During the subject quarter, the following significant actions were taken by the WMUR staff to execute our responsibility to participate, review, and concur in DOE's conduct of the UMTRAP:

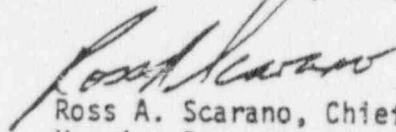
1. Establishment of more effective staff level daily working relationships with the Remedial Actions Program Office, DOE-HQ and the UMTRAP Project Office, DOE - Albuquerque.
2. Establishment of permanent NRC representation on the UMTRAP Technology Working Group, the steering group for coordination/evaluation of tailings disposal R&D for the UMTRAP. (October 30, 1980 letter to R. H. Campbell, DOE - Albuquerque attached).
3. Provided comments to DOE on the outline "Source Terms and Transport Modeling" prepared by Ford, Bacon, and Davis Utah, Inc. (November 19, 1980 letter to D. Groelsema, DOE-HQ attached).
4. Participated in development of the DOE guide for "Contents of UMTRAP Environmental Impact Statements", subsequently released by DOE in November, 1980.
5. Reviewed the final draft of 1980 DOE UMTRAP Annual Status Report to Congress (December 4, 1980 letter to Sheldon Meyers, DOE-HQ attached).
6. Provided NRC staff position to DOE regarding fencing of eight UMTRAP inactive mill tailings processing sites (December 18, 1980 letter to R. C. Clusen, DOE-HQ attached).



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7. Provided NRC staff position to DOE regarding participation in UMTRAP disposal site selection process and requested DOE generic disposal site selection plan. (January 29, 1981 letter to R.W. Ramsey, DOE-HQ attached).
8. Completed review of draft DOE UMTRAP NEPA Implementation Plan. (January 29, 1981 draft summary response attached; supporting detailed comments rough draft not attached).
9. Reached tentative agreement with DOE-UMTRAP Proj. Ofc. regarding procedure to be used to obtain NRC concurrence to proceed with remedial actions at "vicinity" sites assessed to result in little or no significant environmental effect due to performance of the remedial action. (Ref. January 29, 1981 telecon R. H. Campbell, DOE - Albuquerque to W. M. Shaffer III, WMUR; procedure to be documented by DOE memorandum for NRC staff review and response).



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