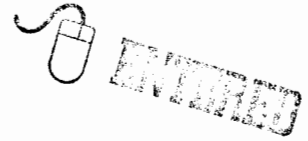




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RE: Notice of Peer Review

Dear Mr. Zappe:

The U. S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) has asked the Carlsbad Field Office Technical Assistance Contractor (CTAC) to perform a peer review of proposed changes to the Salado Flow Conceptual Models used in the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) Performance Assessment (PA).

The Salado Flow Peer Review will determine if proposed changes to the EPA-approved conceptual models for Disposal System geometry, Repository Fluid Flow, and Disturbed Rock Zone reasonably represent possible future states of the disposal system. The peer review will be performed to meet the requirements of NUREG-1297. The scope is limited to assessing the validity of the proposed changes to the approved conceptual models, and is not to reassess the validity of the original conceptual models.

The peer review panel will begin its meetings on April 30, 2002 in the main conference room at the Sandia National Laboratories' facility located at 4100 National Parks Highway, Carlsbad, New Mexico (directly across the highway from the DOE Skeen-Whitlock building). The meeting is expected to continue for the remainder of the week or as determined by the Peer Review Panel. Following is the agenda for the April 30 meeting:

8:00 – 8:30	Introductions and Sign-in
8:30 – 9:30	Review Peer Review Process and Observer Protocol
9:30 – 10:00	Break
10:30 – Noon	WIPP Technical Presentations
Noon – 1:00	Lunch Break
1:00 – 3:00	WIPP Technical Presentations
3:00 – 3:30	Break
3:30 – 5:00	Peer Panel Review and Internal Discussions

In order to ensure adequate seating, please RSVP if you plan to attend. Respond to Elaine Baker by mailing your reply to 4414 Canyon Court NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111, telephoning her at 505-291-1484, or sending her an email at EMBAKER1@aol.com. If it is determined that the size of the proposed facility is inadequate, the meeting will be moved and those responding will be notified.

Sincerely,

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