Telephone interviews were conducted with Karen Steele (Spokesman Review) and Pat O'Callahan (Tri-City Herald) regarding the sample results reported by the Greenpeace organization for the Columbia River and shoreline springs. Todd Nelson (Battelle Press Relations) was also on the line. As expected, facts were ignored and sensationalism pervaded the written reports.

All tritium results reported by U.S. Testing for the week ending 12-2-83 were erroneous. An incorrect decay factor was used for the tritium standard. Data were subsequently reported correctly.

The new editor-style computer terminals were ordered, and plans call for terminals in each office of Surface Program personnel with a connector available in the Environmental Monitoring Secretary's office.

A new charcoal canister sampling system for gasious iodine will soon replace the current system. Parts have been ordered and U.S. Testing has been instructed to prepare for the change including calibration and counter geometry corrections. Improved ^{131}I and ^{3}H sampling and tightening of the sample train along with the conversion of oil-lubricated air pumps to oil-less carbon vane pumps will result in a considerable upgrade of our air sampling capability.

Seventeen soil samples collected one year ago were submitted to HEHF for PCB analysis. The samples were collected from site roads (mainly ARC roads) treated with waste oil over the years. Results should be available in February.

Program Management

Mr. Larry Hoffman, EG&G, Idaho Falls, Idaho was given detailed information about our data base system during his one-day visit.

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