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MEMORANDUM

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RE: SATURATED ZONE FLOW & TRANSPORT AMR Reviews

Analysis of Base-Case Particle Tracking Results of the Base-Case Flow Field

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This AMR describes insights from particle tracking analysis of the UZ. Key items include:

- 1. Section 6.2.1, p. 13-16; Section 6.2.2, p. 17-20. This AMR found that faults concentrate particle breakthrough at the water table, especially in the northern portion of the repository. This occurs because of lateral diversion through perched water bodies.
- 2. Section 6.2.5, p. 22-23. An alternative model code DCPT allows particles to diffuse into matrix and then travel through matrix, which leads to much longer breakthrough times.