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## **MEMORANDUM**

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**RE:** SATURATED ZONE FLOW & TRANSPORT AMR Reviews

areal and zonal divisions in the SZ site-scale model. Key items include:

Hydrogeologic Framework Model for Saturated Zone Site Scale Flow &

Transport Model ANL-NBS-HS-000033

This AMR describes the Hydrogeologic Framework Model (HFM) that provides the basis for

- 1. This AMR is based on data through July 1999 (p. 9, paragraph 3), and does not include the results of the Nye Co. EWDP wells (p. 15, paragraph 3).
- 2. Data availability on a scale of 0.1 (poor) to 10 (excellent) shows only 4 hydrogeologic units better than 1.0! The EWDP wells should have caused the characterization of the valley-fill deposits (which constitute 3 of the 4 units with "good" data availability) to change significantly. Specific units with extremely poor data availability are graphically shown in Fig. 6-4 (limestone aquifer), 6-15 (upper carbonate aquifer), and 6-16 (lower carbonate aquifer). The 4 units with purported good data availability were:
  - Valley-fill aquifer (non-volcanics) as 9.0
  - Valley-fill confining unit being playa deposits as 5.0
  - Upper volcanic aquifer, being the Timber Mountain and the Paintbrush Groups as 6.0
  - Undifferentiated valley-fill, presumably including tuffaceous sandstones, breccia, etc. as 5.0

3.	Tom Anderson should review Fig. 6-3 for accuracy of fault placement and styles.