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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Overview

This is the Technical Progress Report covering October 1998. All tasks have been completed, except for those discussed on the following pages. Unocal estimated the costs of dismantling and packaging the test facility for storage and shipment. The scope of work for the contract has been modified to accommodate the dismantling and packaging of the plant. An amendment to Sub-Contract No. MCP-9-UNO between M-C Power and Unocal has been executed which includes the Scope of Work in Unocal's cost estimate.

TASK 1. COMMERCIALIZATION

This task is complete.

TASK 2. POWER PLANT DEVELOPMENT

This task is complete.

TASK 3. MANUFACTURING FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT

This task is complete.

TASK 4. TESTING FACILITY DEVELOPMENT

Unocal continued maintenance of the 250-kW demonstration power plant. A contract for dismantling and relocation of the power plant has been issued.

TASK 5. STACK RESEARCH

This task is complete.

TASK 6. ADVANCED RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT

The individual final reports from the Illinois Institute of Technology, Texas A&M, and the University of Minnesota are being assembled into a complete final report.

TASK 4. TESTING FACILITY DEVELOPMENT

Subtask 4.2 Upgrading of Existing, U.S. Government-Owned, Test Facilities

Objective:

To upgrade the existing, government-owned 20-kW test facility to improve its reliability for long-term operation.

Discussion:

A contract was let to Total Western, Inc. of Paramount, California for the dismantling of the Unocal Test Facility. This work began during the month of October and is expected to be completed by the end of the 1998 calendar year. This work includes removing all existing equipment, shipping the equipment to Chicago, and restoring the site to original condition.

TASK 6. ADVANCED RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT

Subtask 6.2 Advanced MCFC Component Research

Objective:

To conduct research to resolve issues relating to the improvement of the efficiency and cost effectiveness of the MCFC by improving the following: protection of the current collector plate from corrosion; reduction of cathode over potential losses; understanding the effects of electrolyte basicity and oxygen reduction kinetics to reduce cathode over potential; and measuring the wetting angles of various electrolytes to reduce the electrolyte loss/migration during the MCFC operation.

Discussion:

Final reports have been received from IIT, UMinn, and Texas A&M. They are being assembled into a report for submittal to FETC.

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MORGANTOWN ENERGY TECHNOLOGY CENTER
CONTRACT REPORT TRANSMITTAL CHECKLIST**

Date: 12/1/98

Contractor: M-C POWER CORP.

Contract No.: DE-AC21-90MC27394

The following deliverables are submitted in compliance with the contract reporting requirements checklist:

Report/Plan	Form No.	Reporting Period	No. of Copies
A. GENERAL MANAGEMENT:			
___ Management Plan	None		
___ Status Report	None		
___ Summary Report	1332.2		
B. SCHEDULE/LABOR/COSTS:			
___ Milestone Schedule/Plan	1332.3		
___ Labor Plan	1332.4		
___ Cost Plan	1332.7		
___ Milestone Schedule/Status	1332.3		
___ Labor Management Report	1332.8		
___ Cost Management Report	1332.9		
C. EXCEPTION REPORTS:			
___ Conference Record	None		
___ Hot Line Report	None		
D. TECHNICAL:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technical Progress Report			
___ Draft for Review	None	OCT '98	
___ Final for Approval	None		
___ Topical Report			
___ Draft for Review	None		
___ Final for Approval	None		
___ Final Technical Report			
___ Draft for Review	None		
___ Final for Approval	None		
___ Software	None		
___ Other (Specify) _____			
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___ Subcontracting	SF 294		
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