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Mr. Steve Wisness
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Dear Mr. Wisness:

Re: Request for Additional Information on Funding Associated With the Change Request M-19 (Waste Receiving and Processing Facility Module II)

We have received and reviewed your letter of January 25, 1993, responding to my verbal inquiry during the November 1992, Project Manager's meeting. We continue to have questions concerning the approved funding plan for fiscal years 1992 and 1993. Specifically, it looks like 2.2 million dollars would be freed up if this change order request was approved in 1992, and 18 million will be freed up in 1993. We recognize that the difference results from the delay in WRAP IIB; however, the explanation that additional resources are needed to support tank farm safety and other environmental issues does not answer all of our questions.

The original explanation provided for the delay was that the waste acceptance criteria for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant had not yet been finalized. This, in turn, provides justification for delaying some work on the WRAP modules until this criteria can be finalized and the plan design revised appropriately. The financial explanation provided seems to imply that the driver for the delay may have been the need to divert additional financial resources to support tank farm safety and other environmental issues. This leads us to the potential supposition that the Tri-Party Agreement change request was dictated by a desire to reprogram financial resources.


We need to have further clarification on this issue. Specifically, where did the 2.2 million in 1992 and 18 million in 1993 get diverted to, and specifically for what purpose. Tank safety issues and other environmental issues is too vague an answer for us to accept. We'd appreciate a response by March 5, 1993.

Thank you for your assistance on this matter. If you have questions, please call me at (206) 438-7021.

Sincerely,


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