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Mr. James D. Bauer
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Dear Mr. Bauer:

It has been brought to my attention that a number of key Hanford waste management activities may not be adequately funded in Fiscal Year (FY) 1994. I am very concerned that if true, lack of funding may result in non-compliance with specific Tri-Party Agreement (TPA) requirements, and with requirements of the Liquid Effluent Consent Order.

It is my understanding that four specific areas are in question. First, I have been told that funding has not yet been made available for the miscellaneous streams portion of Activity Data Sheet (ADS) 2300, Liquid Effluent Program. Though work in this area has apparently not been stopped, a continued lack of funding could soon lead to work curtailment, and non-compliance with required miscellaneous stream activity schedules. Second, as the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) noted at the last TPA Project Manager's meeting, WRAP IIA work may be funded only through the first quarter of FY 1994. Third, Project 2101M (closure plan development) has apparently not been funded during FY 1994. Finally, I understand that funding for Hanford Environmental Compliance (HEC) Sub-Project W-291H has been delayed due to the requirement that USDOE-HQ notify Congress. Delays in funding of each of the above areas could significantly impact USDOE's ability to meet specific performance requirements. Consequently, I request that you advise me of the status of funding for each of the above projects, and that you describe actions that USDOE is taking to keep these activities on schedule.

Also, please recall that USDOE last briefed the Department of Ecology (Ecology) on the FY 1994 budget request in June. Since that time, Ecology has not been provided visibility into any changes in the USDOE budget request, or associated waste management priorities listings.



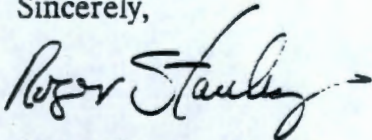
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Because these funding concerns may represent only a partial list of unfunded FY 1994 activity, I am requesting that you identify any unfunded activities in FY 1994 that may impact TPA or other regulatory compliance projects. Further, I am requesting that USDOE provide me a copy of their amended FY 1994 budget, as submitted to Congress last month.

I would appreciate your response by October 20, 1993. Thank you for your attention to this request.

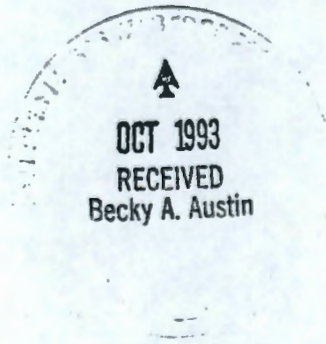
Sincerely,



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