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Mr. Rudolph Guercia  
Mr. R.G. Hastings  
Mr. Randall Kreckel  
U.S. Department of Energy  
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Dear Messrs. Guercia, Hastings, and Kreckel:

Re: 4843 Alkali Metal Storage Facility Closure Status (S-4-1, M-20-14)

It is my understanding that the Central Waste Complex (CWC) may not be prepared to receive alkali metal waste from 4843 Alkali Metal Storage Facility (AMSF) storage unit during June 1994. On June 2, 1994, CWC representatives explained that the planned storage units at CWC would be moved to a new pad. If CWC does not receive the waste as planned, the 4843 AMSF closure will be delayed. Failure to begin closure activities as planned, may have serious scheduling repercussions on the closure activities of this RCRA storage unit. In addition, Steve Moore, a Compliance Inspector from my office has visited 4843 AMSF and informed me that a number of operational storage facility requirements are not being met. Mr. Moore informed me that waste management practices at 4843 AMSF will have to improve to the standards other Hanford facilities have achieved, if it is to continue to operate as a storage facility for sodium and lithium metal reactive mixed waste.

If you or your staff have any questions regarding this letter, please call me at (509) 736-3034.

Sincerely,

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