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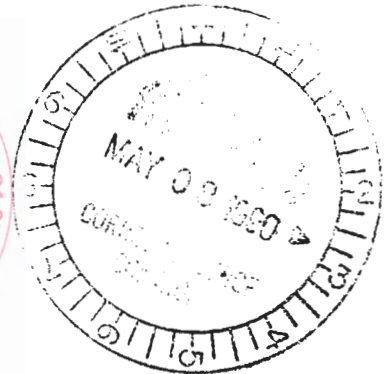
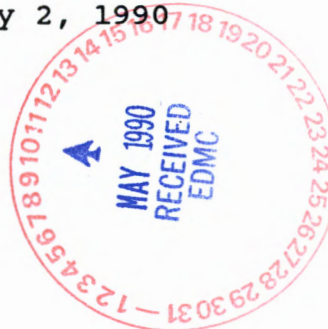
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Re: Liquid Effluent Study

Dear Mr. Wisness:

The schedule contained in the Liquid Effluent Study Project Plan requires the Department of Energy (DOE) to submit two deliverables to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) on April 30, 1990. These deliverables are the Bi-Monthly Report for February and March 1990, and the Stream Specific Reports for all 33 waste streams being evaluated under the study. Neither of these deliverables were submitted on time, nor was a request for an extension given to EPA. Upon our inquiry to DOE staff on May 1, 1990, we were told that Ecology had been notified and had verbally granted an extension for submittal of the Stream Specific Reports until May 18. We were also informed that the Bi-Monthly Report would be submitted shortly, and that it would not contain the specific information that we had requested in our April 9, 1990 letter. We were told that the specific information would be submitted either with the next Bi-Monthly Report (due June 15) or in a separate package to be submitted prior to June 15, but without a specified submittal date.

As we discussed in our meeting this morning, the notification and communication to EPA on this issue, the failure to submit the deliverables on time, and the lack of response to our April 9 letter are unacceptable. The Liquid Effluent Study is of great importance to EPA, as we are depending on the Final Report (due August 31, 1990) to form the basis for decisions on whether to expedite the treatment or cessation of certain liquid waste streams that are currently discharged to the soil column. We are now four months away from the conclusion of the study and are faced with a three week delay in obtaining the Stream Specific Reports. This does not give us a high level of confidence that the final product will be completed in a timely

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manner or that it will meet our expectations. To this end, we are requesting that DOE conduct the following activities regarding the Liquid Effluent Study.

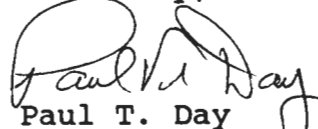
1. Submit the Bi-Monthly Report, including information requested under items one and three of our April 9, 1990 letter to DOE, to EPA by close of business May 4, 1990.
2. Respond to items two, four, five, and six of our April 9, 1990 letter to DOE by close of business May 9, 1990. This response should be in the form of a letter.
3. Submit data for every stream specific sample that has been collected and analyzed as part of the Liquid Effluent Study. Each data package must be accompanied by the complete supporting laboratory quality assurance and quality control documentation. The submittal date for this information is close of business on May 23, 1990.
4. Participate in bi-weekly meetings with EPA, and Ecology if they wish to attend, regarding status of all remaining activities leading up to the Final Report on August 31. We suggest that these meetings begin on May 14, 1990.

In addition, we ask that you make every possible effort to accelerate the May 21, 1990 submittal date of the Stream Specific Reports, without sacrificing the quality of the reports. The information contained in these reports is critical to conducting the task of flow and transport analysis.

It is important that no further delays occur that would impact the schedule for the Final Report. We hope that the steps outlined above will be helpful in improving communication and in the timely completion of this important study.

If you have questions on any of the above, please contact me at (509) 376-6623 or Doug Sherwood at (509) 376-9529.

Sincerely,



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