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Dear Mr. Wisness:

Re: M-19-00 Milestone Change Request

This correspondence is our technical information response to John Wagoner's letter requesting a rescoping of the WRAP II M-19-00 milestone. Before Ecology agrees to evaluate this change, clarification is needed on some of the issues presented regarding WIPP-WAC. A separate letter will be provided from our Director, Chuck Clarke to address the procedural elements proposed in Mr. Wagoner's letter.

Please provide Ecology with detailed information on the "technical uncertainties" that are at issue involving the "waste acceptance criteria" at the WIPP facility. Describe in detail the meaning of the "waste acceptance criteria", and what impact this will have on the construction of the WRAP II-B facility.

Explain the reasoning behind the modularization of the facility into two separate phases, and will this modularization adversely impact current plans for construction of the WRAP II facility. Please provide Ecology with a schedule of start dates for construction of WRAP II A & B.

Elaborate on the risks and uncertainties associated with WIPP-WAC and transportation requirements. Are other treatment technologies being assessed during the interim waiting period for a determination on the "waste acceptance criteria?" If alternative technologies are being developed, provide Ecology with dates when possible alternative treatment capabilities may be reached. If the transuranic waste cannot leave the site, these alternatives will be imperative.

Furnish an analysis of other projects that may be impacted by this proposed change. Please provide your assessment of fiscal year 92-93 funding impacts, including projections of fund carryover (if any) into subsequent years, and/or

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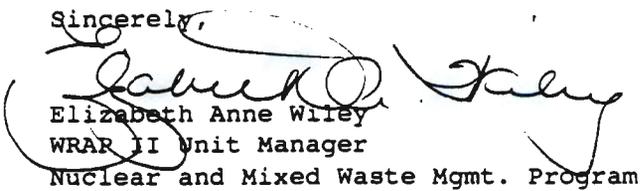


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the extent of required reprogramming. Additionally, please provide your assessment of the revised Total Estimate to Complete (TEC) the WRAP II project as a result of this change.

If you have any questions regarding this request for information, please call me at (206) 493-9426.

Sincerely,


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