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Dear Messrs. Day and Nord:

COMPLETION OF TRI-PARTY AGREEMENT INTERIM MILESTONE M-17-05 AND TRANSMITTAL OF CHANGE CONTROL FORM FOR M-17-90-1 "300 AREA PROCESS TRENCHES"

The attached Plan and Schedule is provided to satisfy completion of the Tri-Party Agreement interim milestone M-17-05, "Select 300 Area Process Trench effluent treatment option and establish schedule for implementing treatment and ceasing liquid discharges."

The Plan and Schedule is based on a study that assessed different options for ceasing discharges to the process trenches and treatment of the waste stream. The Plan and Schedule includes a three-step, phased effluent minimization program in the 300 Area and construction of an effluent treatment facility to be operational by December 1994. The program would reduce flow to the 300 Area Process Trenches from the current level of approximately 1,300 gpm to a maximum of 400 gpm (daily average) by December 1991, 300 gpm (daily average) by December 1992, and 200 gpm (target daily average) by May 1993. The residual effluent flow [200 gpm (target daily average)] would be routed to the treatment facility when it comes on-line in December 1994.

The Plan and Schedule does not support a December 1991 date to "Cease all discharges to 300 Area Process Trenches," (Milestone M-17-06). This reflects an inability to identify \$10,500,000 capital funding required to complete construction of the effluent treatment facility by December 1991 due to the requirement to fund the 242-A Evaporator/PUREX liquid effluent retention facility and treatment/disposal capability. However, we are continuing to identify opportunities to improve the December 1994 date within the constraints of currently available funding. We are also investigating every possible avenue to identify the funding required to meet the original December 1991 milestone date. We will keep you informed regarding our progress in this area.

Messrs. Day and Nord

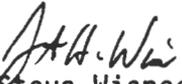
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Also attached is a Change Control Form (Number M-17-90-1) which proposes a modification to future milestones based on the attached Plan and Schedule.

If there are any questions regarding the attached Plan and Schedule and Change Control Form, please contact me on (509) 376-6798, or Mr. Richard J. Nevarez on (509) 376-2948.

Sincerely,


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