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Dear Mr. Todd:

The following is comment on proposed changes to the K-Basin sludge/cleanup milestones:

1. What kinds of containers will hold the sludge? It sounds like worker safety need be improved if containers are strong + sealed tightly.
2. How will transport to New Mexico be achieved? Truck or rail? In what kind of truck/rail cars + how marked?
3. By "grout," do you mean "concrete?" What exactly is the material used?
4. How is the schedule revised? ~~Upward~~ Forward or backward?

In all these tasks, meeting or beating the timelines, worker safety, and getting the job done are paramount. Protecting groundwater + preventing air pollution are also high goals.

Sincerely,

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