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ATTN OF: NE-40

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year (FY) 2001 Program Guidance for the Fast Flux Test Facility (FFTF)

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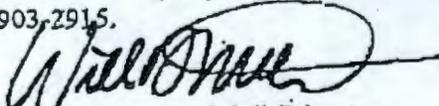
On April 25, 2001, Secretary Abraham suspended for 90 days the decision to permanently deactivate the FFTF as indicated in the Record of Decision for *The Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Accomplishing Expanded Civilian Nuclear Energy Research and Development and Isotope Production in the United States*. During this 90 days, the Department will undertake a review to examine the facts associated with this issue and assure that all interested parties have an opportunity to have their views considered. This action to suspend deactivation of the FFTF will not prejudice the Department's final decision to activate or deactivate the FFTF.

You are therefore instructed to suspend all further activities related to deactivation of FFTF pending the outcome of this 90-day review. You should immediately initiate surveillance and maintenance operations at FFTF but also continue appropriate planning activities without interruption.

In accordance with this decision, you are also directed to suspend FFTF-related negotiations associated with the Hanford Federal Facility Compliance Agreement and Consent Order milestones. Please inform appropriate officials of the State of Washington as to this development.

We expect that the 90-day review will encompass but not be limited to mission requirements and comparative cost information related to FFTF operation and deactivation. You should immediately initiate preparation of appropriate information to support this review and inform your staff of the need to respond quickly to any requests made on behalf of the review.

I appreciate your continued support and effort to ensure that these actions are taken expeditiously. If you have any questions, please call me at (202) 586-6630 or the Associate Director for Facilities, Robert Lange, at (301) 903-2915.

  
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