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Re: Milestone M-11-00 Status

Dear Mr. Wisness:

During the last Milestone Management Meeting, December 18, 1991, Department of Energy (DOE) representatives discussed a potential problem regarding funding for the hot cell expansion work required by Milestone M-11-00 of the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order. Specifically, this issue dealt with a \$2.9 million shortfall in FY 92 to support the 222-S laboratory ventilation and electrical upgrade (project W-001).

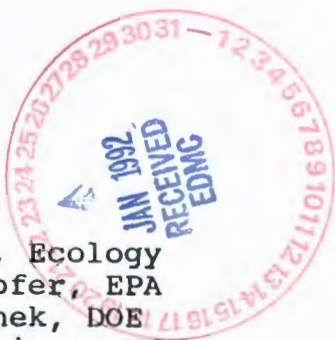
DOE stated that Congressional reprogramming of funds was going to be necessary to keep M-11-00 on schedule and that such reprogramming would have to be available by June 1992, the date which DOE has identified for construction to begin. Based on our past experience with the timing of Congressional reprogramming efforts, we are concerned about whether the June date is realistic and achievable. Additionally, DOE stated that resolution of issues pertaining to long lead procurements and the fixed price construction to support new hot cell expansion must be resolved by February 1, 1992 to support a June 1992 date for start of construction.

I am requesting that DOE provide this office with a written update of the issues described above, including the current status and forecast of the reprogramming effort and the procurement/bid issues. Also, please describe any contingency plans for schedule recovery that DOE is considering in the event that the start of construction is delayed by the above mentioned issues. Please provide the information requested by January 28, 1992.

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

Sincerely,

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