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Dear Mr. Wagoner and Mr. Clarke:

Please note the enclosed Tri Party Agreement change requests M-17-95-02 and M-17-95-03 that were forwarded to me by U.S. Department Of Energy (USDOE) letter dated March 13, 1995. I am returning each of these to you disapproved for the following reasons:

1. M-17-95-02: This proposed major milestone modification can not be approved by the agencies prior to an opportunity for public comment. However, I note that we believe that proposed modifications (redline/strikeout) within the M-17-00A descriptive paragraph are appropriate, and that we hope to approve these same changes following public review
2. M-17-95-03: We do not believe it would be appropriate to modify interim milestones driving completion and operation of the 200 Area Effluent Treatment Facility (ETF) because it would send the message that we are doing so simply to maintain compliance. In addition, we expect this disapproval to stand as a clear and continuing message to USDOE and its contractor that ETF construction and startup must be completed at the earliest possible date, and that additional delays are not likely to be allowed.

Sincerely,

Mary Riveland  
Director

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Enclosures

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