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Dear ^{Dennis} ~~Mr. Faulk~~:



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I submit my personal comments on the Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis for the 105-DR and 105-F Reactor Facilities and Ancillary Facilities (DOE/RL 98-23, Rev. 0). I wholeheartedly support the recommended Alternative Three on the basis of the analyses indicating greater protectiveness, effectiveness and lowest cost to meet the Removal Action Objectives.

While I recognize that current cleanup standards for protection against radiation exposures must be as authorized by the EPA under the broad recommendations of the National Committee on Radiation Protection (NCRP), I understand that they are initiating a review of existing research results which challenge the long held Linear No Threshold hypothesis and indicate that significantly larger doses have no adverse health impact and may in fact stimulate the immune system (hormesis). I therefore request that you encourage your agency to support this NCRP effort and to revise the radiation cleanup standards to conform to any revision in NCRP recommendations that may result. I believe that more realistic sound science based standards would represent one of the largest cost reduction opportunities in the USDOE complex cleanup Program.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this document.

Sincerely,

Gordon Rogers

