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Dear Mr. Reeves:

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE OBTAINING A GOVERNMENT SURPLUS EIGHTY TON LOCOMOTIVE

The United States Department of Energy (DOE) is currently remediating a former weapons-complex uranium processing facility near Fernald, Ohio. This facility is called the Fernald Environmental Management Project (FEMP). The remediation of this facility requires that approximately 700,000 cubic yards of low level radioactive waste be transported by rail to an off-site permitted commercial disposal facility. Therefore, a substantial on-site railroad infrastructure is being constructed at the FEMP. The current operations plan requires two 80-ton locomotives to handle the on-site rail car movements.

The DOE was fortunate enough to obtain one 80-ton locomotive from the Defense Logistics Agency Depot in Columbus, Ohio which partially satisfied our requirements. We have been trying to locate another 80-ton locomotive through the Excess Government Surplus Program, but none are available that would not require extensive renovation. It has come to our attention, that your office is actively involved in the reutilization of surplus Government locomotives. We are soliciting you to assist us to secure the second 80-ton locomotive.

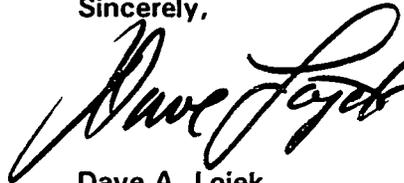
The second locomotive will create the following benefits to our site:

- Eliminate unscheduled shut down of the cleanup due to failure of the on-site locomotive. Having only a single on-site locomotive would place the project in unnecessary risk. Failure of the locomotive would preclude timely make-up and departure of the unit trains, thereby ceasing remedial operations. Shut down of the cleanup operations would result in contractor claims, regulator backlash, and stakeholder inquiry.
- Avoid the cost of purchasing or leasing a locomotive.

This letter will serve as a request for a place holder for a locomotive. Our requirements call for a 80-ton GE center cab with Cummins' engine, MU capability, 550 HP, approximately 1952 vintage or newer and refurbished. Your assistance in this matter will be greatly appreciated to transfer one from the Defense Ready Inventory.

If you have any questions regarding this item, please contact me at (513) 648-3127. Mr. Mike Jannelli is our technical point of contact for this task and he can be reached directly at (513) 648-3705.

Sincerely,



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