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Dear Mr. Saric and Mr. Schneider:

**REQUEST TO EXTEND THE SCHEDULE FOR AREA 9, PHASE I CERTIFICATION  
DOCUMENT SUBMITTAL**

Reference: Letter DOE-0957-99, J. Reising to J. Saric and T. Schneider, "Request to Extend the Schedule for Area 9, Phase I Certification Document Submittal," dated July 22, 1999

The purpose of this letter is to present the revised strategy and schedule for certification of Area 9, Phase I (A9PI). On July 22, 1999, the Department of Energy (DOE) transmitted the above-referenced letter to your office. This letter presented the revised certification schedule for A9PI, which was contingent upon obtaining an access agreement with the landowner by October 1, 1999. While the access agreement was not signed until November 16, 1999, an effort was still made to adhere to this schedule. Unfortunately, rain and snow covering during the last month have caused significant delays. Therefore, the submittal date for the A9PI Certification Design Letter (CDL) and Certification Project Specific Plan (PSP) will need to be extended.

The precertification work will still be conducted in the winter of 2000, weather permitting, and completed approximately on April 15, 2000, prior to the planting of crops in this field. The CDL and PSP would then be submitted by April 28, 2000, and the March 30, 2001, date for submittal of the Certification Report should remain unaffected.

Mr. James A. Saric  
Mr. Tom Schneider

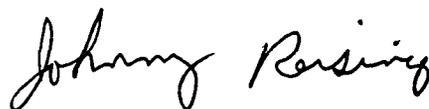
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If A9PI soil remains too wet and prevents real-time scanning from occurring before crops are planted this spring, this work will have to be postponed until the fall of 2000. This would delay the collection of certification samples, and consequently, the date for submittal of the certification report. The CDL and PSP would then be submitted by February 23, 2001. As a result, the revised date for submitting the A9PI Certification Report would be provided with the submittal of the draft CDL.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this revised schedule, please contact Robert Janke at (513) 648-3124 or Kathleen Nickel at (513) 648-3166.

Sincerely,



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