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**RE: Reconnaissance Level Characterization Report (RLCR) for Buildings 865, 866, 867,  
and 868 - Concurrence**

Dear Mr. Legare:

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Division has reviewed the RLCR for the 865 Cluster Closure Project (Buildings 865, 866, 867, & 868), Revision 0 dated September 17, 2001, which was received on October 4, 2001. Based on the information contained in this RLCR, we are hereby concurring with the Type 2 designation for Buildings 865, 866, 867, and 868.

We also recognize official receipt of the Hazards Analysis (HA) for Building 865, which is indicated to have been mothballed. Since the mothballing of B865 is now being officially recognized, we would like to take this opportunity to formally state that this building has been in a mothballed state for quite some time. B865 was mothballed prior to providing the RLCR or the HA, which is counter to the requirements of the Decommissioning Program Plan (DPP), Section 3.3.4. The DPP requires submittal of the RLCR prior to mothballing as well as submittal of the HA and meetings to discuss any potential hazards or releases to the environment which might occur during the mothball period. The proposed mothballing of B865 was previously discussed during various decommissioning meetings, in which the proposed modifications to building systems were themselves modified so that environmental concerns would not be adversely effected inside or outside the building. As such, we have been aware of the mothballed condition of B865, as well as the generation of the HA, and have been working closely with DOE and its contractors to remove the equipment and material from B865 and make the requested modifications to B865. Although B865 may have been mothballed prior to performing the RLCR as required in the DPP we have utilized the consultative process to provide and acquire the information necessary to properly perform the decommissioning activities as well as allow the activities that have led to the mothballing of B865 prior to receipt of the RLCR. The consultative process has also been utilized in developing the HA. In addition, the mothballing of B865 prior to performing the RLCR is recognized as a unique situation that developed and should not be repeated for other buildings on site.

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In Section 4.2.1 Asbestos, of the RLCR, the paragraph discussing Building 868 is the same paragraph provided for Building 867 including identification of B867 in the discussion provided for B868. Please provide a corrected discussion for Building 868. This should be a modified page 7 of the RLCR.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence please contact me at (303) 692-3367 or David Kruchek at (303) 692-3328.

Sincerely,



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