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RE: Disposition of Soils from Trench 1

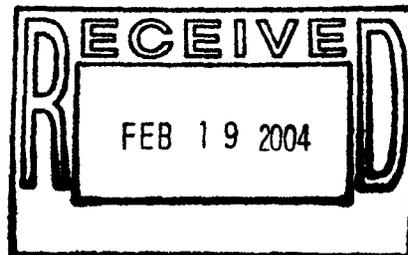
Dear Mr Slaten

The purpose of this letter is to clarify statements made in EPA's letter of February 3, 1998 regarding the disposition of soils to be excavated from Trench 1. In that letter it was stated that "excavated soils which exceed the Tier II action levels shall be shipped offsite for disposal." EPA understands that soils which are found to be contaminated with radionuclides at levels greater than the Tier II values but less than the Tier I values are not automatically required to be shipped offsite, as per the Rocky Flats Cleanup Agreement (RFCA). RFCA requires that when subsurface soils exceed Tier II action levels, actions will be developed in an integrated manner with other actions being taken and that actions will be consistent with best management practices.

It is these requirements and the present knowledge of Trench 1 contaminants, as well as surrounding levels of contaminants, that provided the basis for EPA's position that is referenced above. Of course, we will know much more about the levels of contaminants in the soils and the volumes of soils that will exceed action levels after the actual soils have been sampled and analyzed. Once the analytical data has been provided to EPA, we will evaluate it in light of the requirements and agreements of RFCA to make a determination of the disposition of excavated subsurface soils. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Gary Kleeman at 312-6246.

Sincerely,

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