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Your letter again raised the issue of Standard Operating Procedures. William Fitch, RFFO, chaired a small Working Group in November to address the need for one or more RFCA Standard Operating Protocols (RSOPs). The Working Group recommended that the Decommissioning Program Plan (DPP) be the sole RSOP, and that it define the process for decommissioning any building at Rocky Flats -- whether it is a plutonium-contaminated building, a significantly contaminated building, or any other type of building.

The Facility Disposition Working Group (FDWG) looked at the overall process to determine if existing Rocky Flats procedures provide adequate coverage for conduct of decommissioning. On February 13, 1997, the FDWG performed a walk down of the document hierarchy and procedure infrastructure for conducting decommissioning. The next Working Group meeting on February 27 agreed that the current procedure infrastructure is adequate to safely conduct decommissioning. It was further agreed that the characterization process and the content of the Reconnaissance Level Characterization Report should be developed in detail.

The Working Group also agreed that a statement would be included in the DPP/RSOP that addition or modification to existing detailed operating procedures may be required as new technologies are identified. Agreement was also reached that the procedures could be referenced in the DPP/RSOP rather than including them in detail. Therefore, the concern about the adequacy of procedures and the level of detail for the DPP/RSOP has been resolved. Please encourage your staff to continue to bring their concerns to the Working Group and participate in their resolution. We believe that the DPP should be developed by all the RFCA Parties, using the consultative process and the Working Group.

With regard to the problems CDPHE personnel identified with the decommissioning of Guard Posts 446 and 461, Rocky Mountain Remedial Services provided a response in the letter from Gary R. Konwinski to David Shelton, dated January 30, 1997. This letter was discussed with CDPHE personnel in a meeting at Rocky Flats in early February. If you have any further concerns about the issue of lead contamination in building debris, please contact me at 966-4839.

Fred Gerdeman (966-6203) has the lead for the DPP development and William Fitch (966-4013) is supporting him. Please contact Fred to schedule a discussion of FY 1997 planned decommissioning activities. Either of these gentlemen will be pleased to further discuss these issues.

Sincerely,

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