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Mr. Cliff Franklin
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DOE, RFPO

TRANSMITTAL OF BIOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE ORIGINAL
LANDFILL PROJECT CHANGES FOR NIGHT WORK AND SMALL
ADDITIONAL ACRES - MODIFICATION 05-06-02 - DAW-026-05

Dear Cliff,

Enclosed for your review and transmittal to United States Fish and Wildlife Service is the Biological Assessment for the night work and small additional areas of impacts for the Original Landfill Project.

This information was transmitted to you on June 1, 2005 by e-mail. I thank you and Amy Thornburg of USFWS for your immediate response on June 2, 2005.

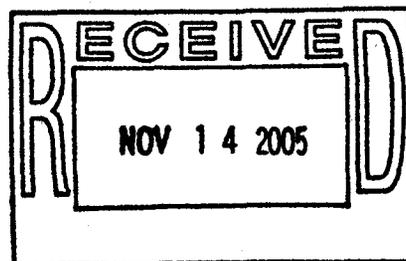
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David A. Ward', written in a cursive style.

David Ward
Environmental Stewardship

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Enclosure
As Stated



ADMIN RECORD

**Modification to Programmatic Biological Assessment for the Original Landfill Project
At the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site**

June 1, 2005

Modification # 05-06-01

Classification Exemption CEX-105-01

Three additional modifications are being made to the Original Landfill Project (OLF) at Rocky Flats. As shown in drawings previously submitted and consulted on, a haul road was constructed along an old two-track road to bring materials from the west to the OLF area. Portions of this road run through Preble's mouse habitat. One of the Best Management Practices listed in Part II of the Programmatic Biological Assessment (PBA) was to conduct operations during daylight hours only. However, due to the volume of trucks needed to bring fill material to the OLF (approximately 16,000 loads), the project will operate 24 hours a day once operations commence. This will minimize the overall amount of time that the project is in operation and creating disturbance within Preble's mouse habitat. Originally it was thought that during night operations it would be possible to run the trucks in two directions on the paved road on the top of the pediment so as to minimize impacts to the Preble's mice in the upper Woman Creek drainage near the lower haul road. However, due to safety concerns with running the heavy equipment in opposite directions on the same road at night, this will not be possible. Trucks will use the lower haul road from the west as the entrance at night (same as during the day) and exit out of the east side of the OLF and back to the upper paved road. So trucks will be using the lower haul road during the day and at night.

The second modification is that three ground water monitoring wells for post-closure monitoring of the OLF must be installed near the buttress wall of the OLF. At least one of the wells may occur outside the approved OLF project footprint (as shown in the PBA Part II). This activity is covered under Section 3.1, Monitoring Well Installations, in Part II of the PBA.

The third modification is that in order to complete the construction of the buttress wall at the base of the OLF, a small extension is needed on the southeast corner of the project footprint. The total acreage of the expansion is expected to be less than 0.25 acres. At project completion this area will be included with the remainder of the area disturbed within Preble's mouse habitat and accounted for in the Preble's mouse debit/credit spreadsheet for project impacts at the Site.

These modifications to the OLF project are not expected to create any substantial additional adverse effects to the Preble's mouse any more than it is already being affected by previously consulted on actions.