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Re NPDES Permit CO 0001333
DOE Rocky Flats Plant

Dear Mr Hartman

This is in response to the October 23 1992 Quarterly Progress Report submitted in accordance with the NPDES Federal Facilities Compliance Agreement for the Rocky Flats Plant. The progress report indicated that EPA has not completely responded to some of the submittals by DOE (i.e. Compliance Plan) and that DOE is behind schedule in the three phases of the STP Facility Upgrades. EPA will need to complete its review of the compliance Plan and provide a written response. Part of that review will be done in conjunction with the upcoming development of the IM/IRA for the ponds at Rocky Flats.

After reviewing the circumstances affecting the schedules of the three phases of the STP Facility Upgrades we believe that changes in the schedules are justifiable and very desirable in the case of Phase III. We believe that Phase I Drying Beds Capacity Improvements should be completed as expeditiously as possible. Most of the improvements included in Phase II do not directly affect the operation of the STP. For some of the improvements it may be desirable to defer action until it is known what improvements are going to be required under Phase III. We agree that the schedule for the requirements of Phase III should be addressed during the NPDES permit negotiations and the development of the IM/IRA for the ponds. There have been too many changes in water quality standards and other factors to have realistically met the schedule for Phase III.

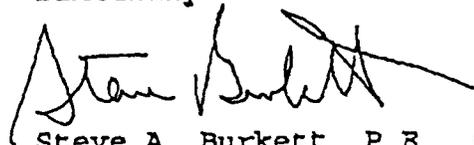
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