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ADMIN RECORD

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RE: Consolidation of OU 1 and OU 2 Treatment Facilities

Dear Mr. Slaten,

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Division (the Division), is in receipt of your May 2, 1995 letter (95-DOE-08294) requesting approval to combine treatment of water collected in OU 1 and OU 2.

We recognize and support the fundamental concept of this project; that being to achieve cost-savings on, and consolidation of, water treatment without sacrificing protection of human health or the environment. However, the Division believes that the proposal is premature until DOE develops an integrated site-wide water management and treatment plan. It is currently unclear how this proposal affects, and is consistent with, the very significant upgrade planned for Building 374, Building 910 availability, and the Sewage Treatment Plant upgrade. As we understand it, spending money now to consolidate OU 1 and OU 2 treatment will have a rapid (2 year) payout. However, other options for water treatment may have an even greater cost-savings.

Therefore, though we agree with the concepts of treatment consolidation and cost-savings, we will not approve this OU 1/OU 2 proposal until a site-wide water treatment strategy is developed that shows this project to be crucial and cost-effective

If you have any questions regarding these matters, please call me at 692-3356.

Sincerely,

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