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Re: Resumption of Baseline Risk Assessment Work

Dear Mr. Hartman:

This letter formally requests your concurrence on the resumption of specific portions of the baseline risk assessment at operable units 1 through 7 at the Rocky Flats Plant.

By letters dated October 13, 1993, and October 25, 1993, respectively, the Colorado Department of Health (CDH) and EPA accepted the Department of Energy's proposed methodology for conducting background comparisons. With this acceptance, aggregation of remedial investigation data for the purpose of comparing to background concentrations and selection of contaminants of concern (COCs) for both ecological and human health risk assessments can proceed.

If you agree that the current work stoppage in effect on this work should be rescinded, please sign the concurrence line below and return copies of this letter to EPA and CDH within 5 business working days. With your concurrence, background comparisons and selection of COCs for operable units 1 through 7 will resume as of the date of this letter. The work stoppage which is currently in effect on aggregation of data for the purpose of conducting a human health exposure assessment remains.

If you have any questions, please contact Gary Baughman of CDH at 692-3338 or Martin Hestmark of EPA at 294-1134.

Sincerely,

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