



The revised date for submittal of the Final Phase II Work Plan is approximately three months ahead of the original IAG Table 6 milestone. We encourage DOE, subject to our approval of the final document and the availability of funding, to initiate activities at the earliest possible date. This would further ensure that a full year of ground water data can be collected, analyzed and reported on the April 16, 1996 delivery milestone of the Draft Phase II RFI/RI Report.

Regarding the potential for additional schedule impact, information recently provided to the Division suggests that leachability studies would not support an alternative which would allow contaminated soils to remain in potential contact with ground water. DOE should, therefore, develop alternative means of ensuring ground water protection that can be designed and implemented to meet the OU-4 construction start date. Any further impacts to the IM/IRA DD preparation schedule, arising from alternative design work, will be duly considered.

If you have any questions concerning the extensions or the related issues, please call Harlen Ainscough of my staff at 692-3337.

Sincerely,



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