

The agencies will not allow potential delays in the opening of the new landfill to adversely impact the closure of the existing landfill.

OU11

The agencies support the integration of field work into a comprehensive single-phase investigation addressing a full pathways analysis and incorporating appropriate risk analysis. This may be accomplished by modifying the existing IAG-specified approach through issuance of technical memoranda and/or an IM/IRA Decision Document as described for OU7. Either approach will serve to focus the investigation, may employ "if/then" alternatives in the process, and specify the use of early actions to mitigate any risks. If no contamination requiring a response is identified, or interim actions adequately address all contamination, a No Further Action decision will be ultimately documented in the CAD/ROD.

General

Several administrative mechanisms and alternative procedures are possible to achieve the stated goals for both OUs. The agencies are flexible with respect to how the goals are reached. Based on the above guidance, the agencies request that DOE present a specific proposal for the preferred approach. It will then be DOE's obligation to direct and manage the agreed-upon procedure.

While the agencies recognize that scope changes are acceptable justification for future IAG milestone impacts, delays caused by past funding and/or prioritization inadequacies remain the responsibility of DOE.

If you agree with the process as outlined here, you may proceed accordingly with preparation of the appropriate documents for submittal and agency review. If you have any questions regarding these matters, please call Dave Norbury (OU7) at 692-3415 or Joe Schieffelin (OU11) at 692-3356 to schedule further discussions.

Sincerely,



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