



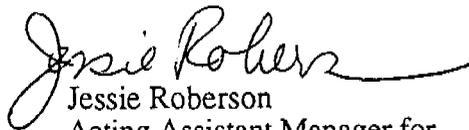
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3) Meetings have begun between the DOE and regulators concerning a renegotiation of the IA. Much of the driving force behind the renegotiations center around the Industrial Area priorities. It was the DOE's intent that many of the Industrial Area issues be resolved through the renegotiation process, however delays in that process require that these issues be addressed through Part 32 and Part 42 of the existing IA.

We believe the scope and priority of work for OU14 should be discussed and agreed upon before schedules are revised. However, we acknowledge that the issues are complex and should be resolved through discussion among all parties. In general we propose to modify the work consistent with the SPIRIT document and current renegotiation principles. We request you agree to this approach to modification and meet with us to finalize the details. After the scope of the work is modified we propose to prepare schedules for approval to adjust existing Table 6 milestones for the Draft and Final RFI/RI Report. Other downstream milestones may also be affected by the outcome of the work modification. We will provide those schedules for approval two weeks after the modification to work is resolved.

An alternate approach would be to allow an open extension to the milestone dates and allow the OU14 issues to be addressed through the renegotiation process. The DOE is open to this approach as long as the renegotiation process continues to make progress toward resolution. Under either scenario the DOE requests a meeting be convened as soon as possible so that we may assist you in making your determinations.

Sincerely,

  
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