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April 23, 1998

Ms. Christine Dayton  
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Dear Ms. Dayton:

Thank you for your letter of April 20, 1998 (98-RF-02025), responding to mine of March 27 regarding a September 1995 review of Iggy Litaor's work. I have several followup questions and requests for additional information:

- 1) Your letter states that "the Kaiser-Hill team" commissioned the review of Litaor's work. What individuals were members of this Kaiser-Hill team? Who was team leader?
- 2) Your letter also states that the aforementioned team decided which documents to provide the reviewers to serve as the basis for their review. In his response to the review, Litaor complains that the reviewers were not given key documents, and he called for a new review based on full data. Is there any existing documentation from any of the reviewers or from any members of the Kaiser-Hill team acknowledging Litaor's complaint and saying that perhaps there should be a followup review?
- 3) Your letter states that as part of a FY 1996 review of all information related to actinide migration the Actinide Migration Panel, which by that time had been appointed, met with Litaor during the first week of June 1996 to discuss his work at Rocky Flats. Please provide any documentation that exists of these meetings -- purpose of the meeting, who was present, record of proceedings, etc.
- 4) Both Mr. Clark and Mr. Honeyman interpret the June 1996 meeting as a continuation of the September 1995 review of Litaor's work. Is this the understanding Litaor had of the June 1996 event? That is, what was he told would be the purpose of the June 1996 meeting? Is there any documentation explaining to him why he was invited to a meeting?
- 5) Please communicate to Mr. Clark that I understand very well the nature of peer review activity, having myself participated in it often as both reviewer and reviewed. His letter suggests a commendable thoroughness on his part in reviewing the work of Litaor. Litaor's complaint that the reviewers were provided inadequate data and that therefore the review should be done again was the basis of my wondering whether the reviewers had gotten themselves into a professionally questionable situation. Mr. Clark implies that this couldn't have happened in his case because he was asked only to "comment specifically on plutonium speciation." Of course, plutonium speciation was not Litaor's specialty. One of the things that sometimes happens in peer review is that people get faulted for not doing the work the reviewer would have done. Litaor clearly wanted to be reviewed for what he had done in relation to what he was asked to do.

Yours sincerely,

  
LeRoy Moore

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Chris Dayton

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RE: PROPOSAL TO COMPLETE THE STUDY ENTITLED "THE  
HYDROGEOCHEMISTRY OF PLUTONIUM IN SOILS OF ROCKY FLATS, COLORADO:  
A CASE STUDY IN ADVANCED MONITORING PROGRAM", CSD-003-98

Dear LeRoy:

I am in receipt of your letter dated April 6, 1998, requesting that Kaiser-Hill review the proposal from Dr. Iggy Litaor to complete the study entitled "The Hydrogeochemistry of Plutonium in Soils of Rocky Flats, Colorado: A Case Study in Advanced Monitoring Program". We are currently reviewing the proposal from Dr. Litaor. As part of the review, we forwarded the proposal to the Actinide Migration Studies Group for their evaluation. Since several of the members are either out of the country or busy until the end of April 1998, I will be unable to provide a response to you by April 20, 1998. I will send you a response as soon as possible, which is likely to be the week of May 4, 1998.

I am sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. If you have any questions, please call John Corsi at 966-6526.

Sincerely,

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