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Ms. Christine Dayton
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Dear Ms. Dayton:

I write in response to your letter of May 5 regarding a proposal that Iggy Litaor be funded for \$10,000 to return to Colorado this summer to complete preparation of papers on research he has already done on the fate and transport of plutonium and other radionuclides in the soil at Rocky Flats.

I write with three concerns: First, why was the Actinide Migration Studies Group asked to evaluate whether Litaor should return to Rocky Flats to do this work? This group has already compromised itself regarding Litaor, in that key members Bruce Honeyman and David Clark were involved in the September 1995 review of his work carried out under questionable circumstances (to wit, K-H set up the review without Litaor's knowledge and provided the reviewers an incomplete set of documents, then, when Litaor asked for a repeat review based on full data, he received no response from either K-H or the reviewers, and these reviewers were subsequently hired to pick up the study of Pu transport where Litaor left off). It seems inappropriate for these same people to be asked now whether Litaor should return to complete his work.

Second, why has K-H projected a cost of about \$40,000 for Litaor to return to Colorado to do this work? Can you show why the expected cost comes to this amount?

Third, Russell McCallister said in a recent letter that he hoped it would be possible to get the results from Litaor's research. Here is the opportunity. Litaor says he cannot do this work isolated from the site. It appears therefore that K-H is using this means to deny him the opportunity to complete his work. Of course, this likewise denies the public its right to have fully documented information from Litaor's final research on Pu transport at Rocky Flats. Surely K-H doesn't want to put itself in this position. I therefore ask that the decision not to support Litaor's return to the site to finish this work be reconsidered.

I would appreciate an answer to these concerns by not later than June 2, when a small group will meet to consider next steps for public oversight of the Actinide Migration Studies.

Yours truly,


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