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Mr Frazer Lockhart  
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## RE BACKGROUND SURFICIAL SOILS STUDY

Dear Mr Lockhart

On March 11 1992 the Colorado Department of Health Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Division (the Division) was invited to meet with representatives of DOE and EG&G to discuss a proposal to obtain background surficial soils data in support of RFI/RI investigations To date no further discussions have been held and a formal proposal has not been submitted

The need for this data is significant since the sitewide Background Geochemical Characterization Report omitted surficial soils EG&G requested that the additional work not be added to the Background Report while it was undergoing major revisions and nearing completion The Division informally concurred with this request but expected work to proceed under a separate or associated study

Various activities associated with Operable Units 1 and 2 have provided relevant OU-specific background soil information However sitewide not OU specific background levels should be established in the interest of efficiency and comparability

DOE should be aware that in the absence of potentially higher background values it may become necessary to base cleanup decisions solely on risk to human health and the environment Therefore the Division expects this work to proceed as an addendum to or as an associated project of the Background Geochemical Characterization Report

Please establish by November 20 1992 a reasonable date by which a formal proposal will be submitted for EPA and Division review and approval

If you have any questions please call Harlen Ainscough of my staff at 692-3337

Sincerely



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