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Dear Mr. Gilbreath:

This letter is to summarize the Department of Energy, Rocky Flats Field Office's (DOE, RFFO's) understanding of the agreements that were reached during our meeting on June 13, 1996, to discuss the Operable Unit (OU) 1 Proposed Plan and subsequent activities.

We discussed the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) concern regarding whether the area of OU 1 that is to be excavated as part of the preferred remedial alternative in the Proposed Plan has been adequately characterized to accurately determine the area of excavation. As stated in a June 13, 1996, letter to Tim Rehder at EPA, DOE believes that the area has been adequately characterized and does not believe that downgradient subsurface soils contain a contamination source that is contributing to groundwater contamination downgradient of Individual Hazardous Substance Site (IHSS) 119.1.

During the above referenced meeting, however, DOE, EPA and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) agreed that once equipment and personnel have been mobilized to OU 1 to perform the remedial action that will be finalized in the Record of Decision (ROD), DOE will perform confirmatory soil sampling downgradient of IHSS 119.1 to verify that a contamination source does not exist there. The details of the downgradient soil sampling will be included in the Remedial Design which will be prepared following the final ROD.

We also discussed the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Facility Investigation/Remedial Investigation (RFI/RI) and the Corrective Measures Study/Feasibility Study (CMS/FS) reports for OU 1. We agreed that the RFI/RI report should be closed out for administrative purposes. The last actions taken on the RFI/RI report were letters from EPA and CDPHE to DOE in October and September 1994, respectively, that approved the RFI/RI report upon resolution of attached comments. DOE will review those comments again and will determine if any of the unresolved issues will affect the conclusions of the report or the remedial alternative chosen for the OU 1 ROD. DOE will then respond, as appropriate, to the comments, and will propose that the response constitute the final resolution of outstanding issues. DOE will then seek, per the Interagency Agreement (IAG), EPA and CDPHE approval of the RFI/RI report as adequate to support the preferred remedial alternative for OU 1 in the Proposed Plan and to support moving forward with the ROD.

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The last actions taken on the CMS/FS report were comment letters from EPA and CDPHE in May and April 1995, respectively. We agreed that the IAG dispute resolution process that was used to select a remedial alternative for OU 1 closed out the CMS/FS process. The decision on a preferred remedial alternative for OU 1 by the Dispute Resolution Committee serves as the bridge from the existing CMS/FS report to the Proposed Plan, and no further action needs to be taken on the report.

Please call me at 966-3367 if you have any questions or if you do not agree with DOE's understanding of the meeting discussions presented above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandi MacLeod".

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