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RE: 903, E. Trenches,
Mound, Phase II
Sampling Plan

Gentlemen:

EPA and CDH are encouraged by the proposal submitted on June 30, 1988, for site characterization of the 903 Pad, East Trenches and Mound areas. EPA and CDH are also eager to review DOE's and Rockwell International's proposed Background Sampling Plans mentioned during a July 29, 1988, meeting between our respective staffs and contractors. The background study, if conducted properly, will be the most important investigation for setting future cleanup objectives at Rocky Flats.

Enclosed are EPA's and EPA's contractor (Tetra Tech) comments regarding the Phase II Remedial Investigation Sampling Plan for the 903 Pad, East Trenches and Mound areas. The Colorado Department of Health (CDH) has reviewed these comments and reserves the option to submit further comments in the future. The review was conducted to give DOE and Rockwell International specific direction and approval, should all the recommended changes be implemented, for proceeding with further site assessment of these High Priority Areas.

Please note the addendum to the contractor's comments. The main points of the comments focus on the following issues

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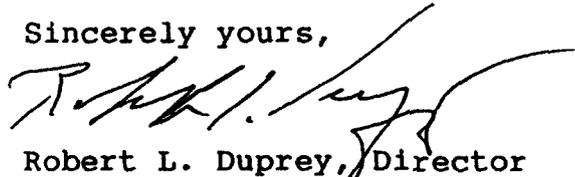
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1. DOE and Rockwell International need to consolidate, clarify and update several documents referred to in the Sampling Plan in order to assure a comprehensive, self-contained effort.
2. Several well relocations and additional wells are outlined in the comments. Well construction procedures are clearly defined in the comments.
3. Several procedural requirements to be included in the site identification effort are outlined in the comments.

Since there may still be good field activity weather left in the year, we would like immediate notification for a meeting between our respective staffs and contractors in order to reach final agreement and proceed with site investigations. Please keep in mind that EPA's contractor is located in Seattle, Washington and adequate notice should be given prior to any meeting.

If you should have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Nathaniel Miullo at (303) 293-1668 or Patti Corbetta at (303) 331-4843.

Sincerely yours,



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