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Evaluation of Potential Bald Eagle Impacts in RFP Environmental Evaluations Under CERCLA, RCRA and the IAG

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The DOE/RFO has been made aware that a nesting pair of bald eagles has established residency in the vicinity of the northwest portion of Standley Lake. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has indicated that the eagles have been present at this location for the last two to three weeks. Note that the bald eagle receives protection under the Endangered Species Act, the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

Section VIII.C., Attachment II of the RFP IAG states that "at a minimum [the environmental evaluation plan] shall address: 1) any critical habitats affected by site contamination; and 2) any endangered species or habitats of endangered species affected by the contamination". Since the bald eagles in residence at Standley Lake were not present at the time RFI/RI Workplans were prepared, EG&G needs to reevaluate the data quality objectives (DQO's) in all of the existing OU workplans to determine if adequate data is or will be available to evaluate the potential impact of contaminants on the bald eagle.

We request that EG&G perform the following tasks:

- 1) reevaluate DQO's in all of the RFI/RI workplans prepared to date at the RFP with regard to their ability to provide adequate evaluation of potential eagle impacts,
- 2) if the DQO's are found to be inadequate for an evaluation of potential impacts of contaminants on the bald eagles, technical memoranda should be submitted to DOE/RFO that contain a FSP outlining any additional field work that needs to be done,
- 3) prepare technical memoranda that address in detail how the evaluation of potential impacts on the eagles will be conducted in the environmental evaluation portion of RFI/RI reports, and
- 4) include an evaluation of the bald eagles in the environmental evaluation reports for all the RFP OUs (including the final Phase III RFI/RI report for OU 1),

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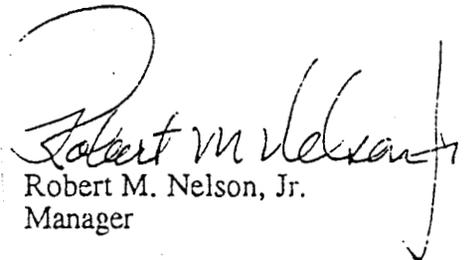
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Item no. 1 above should be evaluated immediately and a memorandum should be forwarded to DOE/RFO by March 19, 1993, discussing the adequacy of the DQO's. In addition, this memorandum should discuss the course of action with regard to item nos. 2, 3 and 4 above. Deliverable dates for submittal of the technical memoranda in item nos. 2 and 3 above should be proposed for all the OU's in this memorandum.

Questions or concerns regarding this memorandum should be addressed to Bruce Thatcher of my staff at extension 3532.



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