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NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA) PROCESS FOR OPERABLE UNIT 4 (OU 4) PHASE I REMEDIATION - SRK-004-94

In establishing a schedule to implement the Department of Energy's (DOE's) OU 4 dispute resolution with the regulators, EG&G Rocky Flats, Inc., incorporated a highly compressed schedule for the NEPA process. This schedule which identifies several specific DOE deliverables and responsibilities and which is accelerated relative to usual durations, was used with the verbal concurrence of DOE, RFO.

EG&G has submitted two requests related to the NEPA process: a request for concurrence that DOE Order 4700.1 will be satisfied by the development of Title II design in parallel with completing the NEPA process 93-RF-12846 and 93-RF-14744, dated December 9, 1993, and a request for a NEPA determination for the Interim Measure/Interim Remedial Action Decision Document (IM/IRA DD) 93-RF-14745, dated December 10, 1993. In both cases, DOE, RFO has not responded within the scheduled time allotted for these actions. Both of these activities were DOE, RFO actions. DOE actions for future NEPA process activities will require DOE, HQ participation and approval.

This letter alerts you to the schedule problem we are encountering with the NEPA process. Unresolved delays in the early portion of the NEPA process will ultimately impact our ability to meet Interagency Agreement (IAG) deliverable dates: The Title II design cannot be authorized to proceed on April 4, 1994 without DOE concurrence for parallel design and NEPA process activities; the construction contract cannot be let on April 12, 1995, without the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) issued. Further, if EG&G's response to DOE's initiative to additionally accelerate start of construction is to have maximum benefit, completing the NEPA process ahead of schedule is even more important. It is possible that field activities could commence as early as June, 1994; however, under current direction from DOE, that date would have to be extended until NEPA is completed. If DOE cannot accelerate the NEPA process or grant variances regarding its application to the remediation of OU 4, EG&G may be stopped from expediting work on the project.

To prevent missing IAG deliverables and to maximally support further schedule acceleration, we request a renewed DOE commitment to the scheduled OU 4 NEPA process activities. We understand RFO plans to contact Headquarter staff to prepare them for an expedited review and we are ready to assist you as necessary.

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