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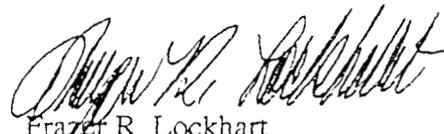
SUBJECT: National Environmental Policy Act Determination for Operable Unit No. 4

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TO: Steve R. Keith, Program Director  
Solar Pond Projects  
EG&G Rocky Flats Inc.

This memorandum transmits the Department of Energy's (DOE) response to your request (93-RF-14745, dated December 10, 1993) for a National Environmental Polity Act (NEPA) Determination for Operable Unit No. 4 Interim Measure/Interim Remediation. Your request was reviewed by Patricia M. Powell, the NEPA Compliance Officer for the DOE/Rocky Flats Office.

Also attached is the memorandum from Raymond I. Greenberg, DOE/HQ, that you requested in your fax transmittal dated December 16, 1993.

  
Frazer R. Lockhart  
Solar Ponds Program Manager  
Environmental Restoration

Attachment

cc w/Attachment:  
S. Howard, WP, RFO  
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REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: EPD:PMP:00217

SUBJECT: NEPA Determination for Operable Unit 4 Interim Measure/Interim Remedial Action

TO: Frazer Lockhart, Solar Ponds Program Manager, Environmental Restoration

In response to your memo of December 23, 1993, I have reviewed the Action Description Memorandum (ADM) for the Solar Ponds Interim Measure/Interim Remedial Action (IM/IRA) proposal. I do not believe that the actions described in the ADM qualify for any of the categorical exclusions listed in 10 CFR 1021, Appendix B. Although the time period and cost of the interim action are not described in the ADM, I suspect that the activity would exceed the limits of one year and \$1 million to qualify as a removal action. In addition, I do not believe that Rocky Flats could in good faith propose that the excavation of 100,000 to 133,000 cubic yards of material from the plant site to provide fill for the project would not have an environmental impact. Therefore, I recommend that an environmental assessment be incorporated into the IM/IRA document to determine whether the proposal would have significant environmental impacts. I will be sending an environmental assessment determination to EH-25 through you for concurrence in the very near future.



Patricia M. Powell  
NEPA Compliance Officer

cc:  
M. Witherill, RFO  
G. Hill, RFO  
P. M. Powell, RFO  
S. M. Nesta, EG&G

