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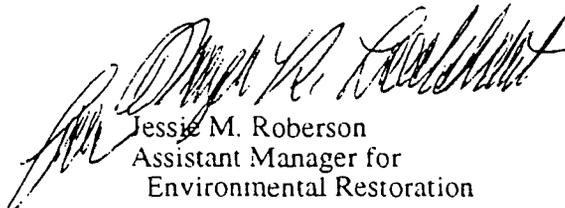
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Dear Mr. Duprey & Ms. Sowinski:

This letter is to request a "Stop Work" for Operable Unit (OU) 4, as per part 24, paragraph 162 of the Interagency Agreement. Discussions within the Quality Action Team (QAT) with respect to the review of the path forward for OU 4 Solar Evaporation Ponds is ongoing. The proposed remedy for OU 4 Phase I remediation is currently being re-evaluated by the DOE, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in response to recommendations from the Stakeholder Summit and the Quality Action Team. Summit participants indicated strong support for maximizing risk reduction and improving cost effectiveness at Rocky Flats. They also indicated a willingness to consider an on-site disposal facility for remediation and some process waste, and demonstrated a strong preference for minimizing areas at Rocky Flats where waste remains after cleanup. Our consideration of this input has yielded additional alternatives to the Phase I remediation that are being evaluated before a final remedial action is made, particularly in light of the significant potential cost and schedule savings.

In light of fiscal year 1995 and 1996 budget constraints and proper fiscal management, the QAT has concurred that it would be imprudent for DOE to continue funding tasks based on the Proposed Decision Document when that proposal is under re-evaluation. Certain items of work in OU 4 are being put on hold, and the enclosed milestones will be impacted (Enclosure 1). The scopes which are stopped are defined in Enclosure 2. Upon closure on the path forward, the enclosed milestones will require adjustment. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 966-5981.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure 1

Operable Unit 4  
Solar Evaporation Ponds  
Milestones on hold Pending QAT recommendation on Path Forward

The following milestone dates will require adjustment.

- Final Interim Measure/Interim Remedial Action (IM/IRA) Decision Document and Responsiveness Summary.
- Final IM/IRA Title II Design
- Start of Soil Excavation
- Draft Phase II RCRA Facility Investigation/Remedial Investigation (RFI/RI) Report
- Final Phase II RFI/RI Report
- Draft Phase II Corrective Measure Study/Feasibility Study (CMS/FS) Report
- Final Phase CMS/FS Report
- Draft Phase II Proposed Plan (PP)
- Final Phase II PP
- Draft Phase II Responsiveness Summary
- Final Phase II Responsiveness Summary
- Draft Phase II Corrective Action Decision/Final Action Decision (CAD/FAD)
- Final CAD/FAD
- Corrective Design/Remedial Design (CD/RD) Work Plan
- Draft Title II Design
- Final Title II Design
- Corrective Action/Remedial Action (CA/RA) Construction

## ENCLOSURE 2 - WORK DEFERRED FOR THE SOLAR PONDS

### SLUDGE/PONDCRETE PROCESSING

Terminate treatment construction and treatment operations work packages (Sludge/Pondcrete processing).

### SLUDGE & REMIX ENGINEERING

Sludge & remix engineering conceptual design will be put on hold.

### IM/IRA

Terminate the finalization of the IM/IRA document but finish the draft Responsiveness Summary.

Complete but not review the 90% remedial design package (Cap design).

### RFI/RI PHASE I

Defer completion of Phase I work (hand augurs under Pond 207C).

### RFI/RI PHASE II

Complete Phase II RFI field work necessary to assess ITS performance but delete the Report effort.

### SLUDGE REMOVAL FROM METAL CONTAINERS

Complete emptying metal containers of Pond 207C sludge but defer emptying the Clarifier.

### INTERIM REMEDIAL ACTION ACTIVITIES

Defer vehicle access gate, site improvements, and Building 788 stripout.