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**Mr. David C Shelton, Director  
Hazardous Material & Waste Management Division  
Colorado Department of Health  
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Dear Mr. Shelton.

We have received your letter of October 12, 1989 addressing the Rocky Flats Plant (RFP) proposal to extend the closure schedule for the existing sanitary landfill. In that letter, you requested that we submit additional information to better demonstrate our need for this extension

On November 13, 1989 RFP representatives met with Messrs Dowsett, Baughman, and Dancek, of your staff to discuss the issue. At that meeting, we discussed the fact that the current RFP landfill was scheduled for closure in 1989 pending CDH approval of the closure plan. We also noted that an extension to the closure period was necessary because RFP currently has no satisfactory alternative for solid waste disposal. Several options for dealing with sanitary solid waste generated at RFP were presented. These included:

- 1 Send all sanitary waste to a local, off-site sanitary landfill.
2. Segregate sanitary waste and send only "no risk" sanitary waste to a local, off-site landfill.
3. Extend the operating life of the existing landfill to approximately mid-1991, concurrent with the development of a new on-site landfill which meets the proposed Subtitle D design standards.

As discussed at that meeting, the DOE would like to ensure that the disposition of sanitary wastes is as fully protective of human health and the environment as possible. Even though the sanitary waste can now be disposed of at a local off-site facility, we are concerned both about the public perception associated with RFP wastes of any type, and about inadvertent contamination of sanitary wastes. It is our view that the former concern can be alleviated thru on-site disposal. Risks associated with inadvertent contamination can be minimized through the engineering and management controls identified in the proposed Subtitle D requirements.

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Therefore, as agreed to at the 11/13/89 meeting, we will pursue the development of a new landfill at the site and continue use of the existing landfill until such time as the new landfill is ready (per attached schedule). We will also develop plans to identify particular sources of solid waste which will be beyond reproach, in terms of potential contamination, for off-site disposal

We will present our plans to the Jefferson County planning staff in the next month or so and submit our application early 1990. As agreed, we will notify your staff of the results of interaction with Jefferson County officials

Please contact me, or have your staff contact Mark Van Der Puy, of my staff, on 966-2473 if you have any questions

Sincerely,

  
David P. Simonson  
Manager

Enclosure

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