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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Implementation of Streamlined Approach For Environmental Restoration

FROM: Gordon Davidson, Director  
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TO: Waste Management Division Directors, Regions I - X  
Federal Facilities Leadership Council, Regions I - X

As part of the Administrative Fixes, we are encouraging Regions to pilot the Department of Energy's (DOE) approach to accelerated cleanup known as Streamlined Approach for Environmental Restoration (SAFER). We have been engaged in discussions with DOE during the past year to address several concerns that the Federal Facilities Leadership Council (FFLC) raised, especially state participation. DOE has made modifications to its SAFER pilot project proposal to incorporate changes that promote public and state participation and delegate decision authority to the field. EPA and DOE believe we are now at a point to conduct several SAFER pilots. To assist with implementation of the SAFER pilots, the Office of Federal Facilities Enforcement (OFFE) can provide up to \$100,000 in extramural funding this year.

The main responsibility for implementing the SAFER pilots will be in the Regional program offices. Candidate sites should be nominated jointly by EPA Regional offices, states and DOE through the Superfund Accelerated Clean-up Model (SACM) pilot project process. OFFE will monitor the acceleration pilots on a quarterly basis. If you have any questions about the acceleration policy or SAFER, please contact Jim Woolford, EPA, at (202) 260-1606 or Rich Dailey, DOE, at (202) 586-7117.

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### INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR CANDIDATE SAFER PILOT SUBPROJECTS

The package submitted for each candidate subproject should contain information to support the nomination, particularly focusing on the following elements:

- (1) The subproject should be scheduled for significant activity in FY 1994. Information should be submitted that describes the scope and schedule of currently planned activities in FY 1994 and the implementation status. Activity Data Sheets and roadmaps, for example, may provide this information.
- (2) The subproject should be funded for activity in FY 1994. Evidence of a commitment to fund subproject activity in FY 1994 should be submitted, including approved milestones and cost estimates for the specific activity.
- (3) The subproject should have well identified, active regulator stakeholders who are interested in implementing the SAFER process. It is critical to the success of the pilot that the stakeholders are willing to devote substantial time to the pilot subproject and are likely to show a high level of interest and active participation in the subproject decisions. Evidence should be submitted showing a clear stakeholder commitment to working together constructively towards the goal of streamlining the remediation process.
- (4) The subproject should be managed by experienced personnel willing to accept change. Managers at the operations levels should be team players and experienced in the environmental restoration process with a willingness to fully consider innovative approaches.