

Internal Letter



Rockwell International

Date . July 7, 1987

No. .

TO (Name, Organization, Internal Address)
 . G.E. Loudenburg
 . Procurement
 . LA - 002

FROM (Name, Organization, Internal Address, Phone)
 . William F. Weston
 . Plutonium Operations
 . Bldg. 111
 . 4072

SUBJECT. REQUEST FOR LETTER CONTRACT
 ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ON FLUIDIZED BED INCINERATOR

DOE has requested that an Environmental Assessment be conducted on the Building 776 Fluidized Bed Incinerator (FBI) Trial Burn. Because of internal and external deadlines and the technical review and approval requirements associated with this National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document, it is imperative that the Environmental Assessment on the FBI be initiated and completed as rapidly as possible.

To accomplish this requirement in a technically defensible and expedient fashion I would prefer to award this project to Los Alamos Technical Associates (LATA). There are several reasons for this decision : LATA has conducted EAs on incinerators from other industrial facilities ; LATA is presently completing an EA on the Plutonium Recovery Modification Project (PRMP) which has been very well done and should greatly minimize the learning curve required for undertaking the FBI EA ; this task (i.e. conducting an Environmental Assessment) is within the scope of work for LATA's Basic Order Agreement (BOA) with Rockwell.

The required completion date will be either October 16, 1987 or January 22, 1988 depending on whether a three or six month completion option is selected. This decision will be based partly on cost and primarily upon schedule requirements received from DOE. This decision will be made when a proposal is received from LATA this week. The estimated ultimate contract value is \$300,000. The key programmatic impacts if this EA is not completed are further delays with the Trial Burn for the FBI, lawsuits from citizens/environmental groups (i.e. Sierra Club), and liquid waste storage options that are technically inferior and less safe than incineration.

George H. Setlock (HS&E) has prepared the EA scope of work and requisition which has been delivered to John Horvath on your staff. Please contact my office or these plant personnel if you have any questions or require additional information on this topic.

ER Namin for
 William F. Weston, Director
 Plutonium Operations



000024563

ADMIN RECORD

SW-A-003918

pc. G.W. Campbell
N.M. Daugherty
G.L. Hickie
R.C. Hood
J.V. Horvath
E.R. Naimon
✓ G.L. Potter