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TRENCHES AND TEST PITS SCHEDULED TO BE BACKFILLED

Please review the enclosed letter describing trenches and test pits that are scheduled to be backfilled in Fiscal Year 1999 based on available funds.

The backfilling is scheduled to begin as soon as possible. Therefore, we would appreciate any comments you have on this list by November 20, 1998.

If we do not receive comments concerning this matter by that date, we will assume that you have no concerns about the planned backfilling activities. If there are any questions regarding this activity, please contact either April Gil at (702) 794-5578 or Drew Coleman at (702) 295-7825.

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Dear Mr. Coleman:

Subject: Trenches and Test Pits Scheduled to be Backfilled

Reference: Letter to Debra L. Edwards from Kean Finnegan, "United States Geological Survey Review of Trenches and Test Pits Scheduled to be Backfilled," LV.NEPO.TEST.AGB.08/98-366, dated August 25, 1998

Principal Investigators (PIs) utilized trenches and test pits, listed below, for site characterization studies. The studies are recorded in milestone reports submitted to the DOE. The primary records generated from the trench and test pit studies are identified with the "Accession Numbers" below. The Accession Numbers may be used to retrieve the associated records from the Records Information System database.

Trench/Test Pit	Accession Numbers
USWBF1	<u>NNA.19930803.0024</u>
USW BF2	<u>NNA.19930803.0024</u>
USW CFSE	<u>HQS.19880517.1514</u>
USW CFSW	<u>HQS.19880517.1514</u>
USW TR10A	<u>MOL.19980528.0835</u>
USW TR10B	<u>MOL.19980528.0835</u>
USW TRCF2	<u>MOL.19980528.0835</u>
USW TRCF3	<u>MOL.19980528.0835</u>
KC85-2	<u>NNA.19921019.0174</u>
KC85-5	<u>NNA.19921019.0174</u>


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UE-27 TR-RV2	<u>NNA.19930831.0107</u>
UE-25 MWV-T3	<u>MOL.19950131.0403</u>
UE-25 MWV-T4	<u>NNA.19940216.0059</u>
UE-25 SPYW-2	<u>HQX.19930106.0004</u>
USW TR12	<u>MOL.19980528.0835</u>
UE-25 TR15	<u>MOL.19980528.0835</u>
UE-25 TR16	<u>MOL.19980528.0835</u>
UE-25 TR16B	<u>MOL.19980528.0835</u>
USW TR2	<u>MOL.19980528.0835</u>
USW TR4	<u>MOL.19980528.0835</u>
USW TR6	<u>MOL.19980528.0835</u>
USW TR8	<u>MOL.19980528.0835</u>
USW TR9	<u>MOL.19980528.0835</u>
UE-25 TRA1	<u>MOL.19980528.0835</u>
UE-25 TRA2	<u>MOL.19980528.0835</u>
UE-25 TRGA1A	<u>MOL.19980528.0835</u>
UE-25 TRGA1B	<u>MOL.19980528.0835</u>

The PIs have reviewed and released the above list of trenches and test pits for reclamation activities (Reference). The trenches and test pits are scheduled to be backfilled starting on October 26, 1998 and finishing by the end of the calendar year. Please review and initiate a Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) request letter for concurrence or comments concerning this activity. A response from the NRC would be appreciated by October 19, 1998 to facilitate the October 26 start date. If you need any information or would like to request an electronic copy of the table to incorporate into the letter to the NRC, please call me at 295-5816.

Sincerely,



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Test Coordination Office

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