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Gentlemen:

DC-25 DRILL RIG

This is in response to your letters dated July 31, 1987, requesting clarification on the DC-25 drill rig.

In regard to the question concerning whether the Stop Work Order (SWO) applies to Westinghouse Hanford Company (WHC), yes, the SWO that affected the Rockwell Hanford Operations activities applies to WHC.

The contractor conducting the DC-25 drilling is PARCO and the contract was competitively bid. This activity is covered by the SWO. The drilling equipment was being stored offsite at the contractor's previous work location in another state. Because of a zoning law, PARCO was being assessed a daily fine for having the equipment located at this site. For this reason and consistent with terms of the contract, the contractor was allowed to relocate the equipment to the Hanford Site. Initiation of drilling activities at the Site will not commence until prerequisites for drilling are concluded, which includes consultation with the affected parties. It should be noted that the actual plan date for drilling has been extended over the past several months due to the delay in the planned consultation process.

If additional information is required, please advise.

Sincerely,


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Dear Mr. Burke:

ATTENDANCE AT ISCG MEETING

This is in response to your letter dated July 29, 1987, concerning funding to attend the ISCG meeting that was held in Seattle during the week of July 20, 1987. Subsequent to a discussion with members of my staff and a review of the memorandum documenting the telephone conversation between Rick Gay, CTUIR, and Melanie Fletcher, DOE-RL, it is my understanding that although the appropriateness of the attendance of your legal counsel at the ISCG was questioned since there appeared to be no legal issues on the draft agenda, Ms. Fletcher never stated that the funds would be denied should you decide his attendance was appropriate. The memorandum also stated that Ms. Fletcher was advised by Mr. Gay that the CTUIR's legal counsel was to be in Seattle primarily for another meeting regarding Gable Mountain which would likely involve legal issues. In subsequent discussions on July 20, 1987, Mr. Gay stated that due to a prior schedule conflict, legal counsel would not be able to attend the Gable Mountain meeting, and, as they had re-evaluated the need for his attendance, he would not be going to Seattle just for the ISCG.

In regard to your complaints regarding DOE interference in your management of the NWPA grant, due to the fact that your legal contract has been under restricted conditions since December 1986, it was within our purview to question all costs not associated with the C&C activities.

If additional questions remain, please call me or Max Powell.

Sincerely,



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