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Dear Dr. Siegel:

SUBJECT: CONTRACT NO. 50-19-03-01/FIN A-1756, "GEOCHEMICAL SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS"

I have reviewed the February, 1986 monthly progress report for the above contract, dated March 15, 1986. Based on my review of this report, progress to date is satisfactory. I am interested in having more specific information on your review of previous efforts to rank radionuclides according to their importance in HLW disposal. Our section is presently undertaking its own review and also developing a ranking. Please send me a list of the documents you are reviewing and your reviews as they become available.

The meeting on sorption is tentatively scheduled for May 13-15, 1986. The purpose of the meeting is for NRC staff and contractors to discuss our concerns and perceived data needs for understanding sorption processes relevant to the sites. We will probably ask you to present your perspective in a short presentation. I will provide you with more details once we settle on an agenda.

As I informed you on the telephone, Linda Kovach and I will be sharing NRC project management duties for your project over the next several months with Linda eventually taking over.

The action taken by this letter is considered to be within the scope of the current contract FIN A-1756. No changes to costs or delivery of contract products is authorized. Please notify me immediately if you believe this letter would result in changes to costs or delivery of contracted products.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

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