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although this is already be apparent to all of you, i just want to reiterate that our end point is a technical evaluation report that supports a commission paper and a letter to DOE.

if the commission paper and letter to DOE approves the DOE methodology, then the technical evaluation report will need to make findings with respect to each of the 3 incidental waste criteria, and each finding will need to be supported by adequate information.

although i could be wrong what the needed findings are, they would seem to be that the DOE methodology, if appropriately implemented, will assure that no tank is closed unless (1) the key radionuclides have been removed to the maximum extent technically and economically practical, (2) any remaining waste has been incorporated into a solid form at a concentration of Class C or less (subject to resolution of any 61.58 issue), and (3) the tank will be managed so that safety requirements comparable to the performance objectives of Part 61 are satisfied (subject to the resolution of the institutional control period issue).

while DOE-SRS has already provided substantial information, that information needs to be added to in order to be sufficient to support the needed findings.

therefore, what i believe we need from the call with DOE-SRS is confidence, in terms specific to the information needed to support each finding, that the added information we will be getting, assuming it withstands our review, is sufficient.

please respond if you agree or disagree before 2:30pm EST.