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Dear Mrs. DeMarco:

The enclosed conference paper along with Form 390A is being sent for programmatic review. If approved, the paper will be submitted for presentation at the International High-Level Radioactive Waste Management Conference, April 30–May 4, 2006, in Las Vegas, Nevada. The title of the paper is “Fluvial Redistribution of Contaminated Tephra: Description of an Abstracted Model,” authored by R. Benke, B. Hill, and D. Hooper.

The paper describes the fluvial redistribution model for use in the Total-system Performance Assessment (TPA) code, which accounts for gradual erosion of potential tephra deposits, mixing with noncontaminated sediments, and episodic depositional events. Results from this model may be used to estimate airborne particle concentrations, which are important factors for calculating inhalation dose in the TPA code. A companion paper highlights how process-level modeling supports the fluvial redistribution modeling for the TPA code through the determination of values for local input parameters presented in this abstract.

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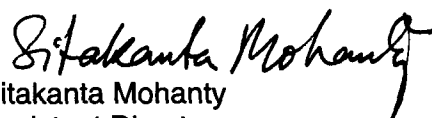


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