



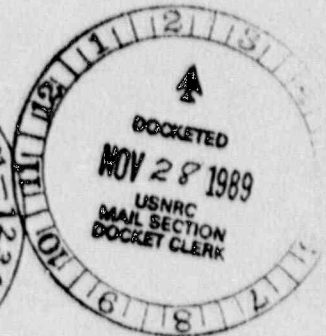
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Dear Steve,

Pursuant to recent discussions among the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Technical Assistance Contractor (TAC), and DOE technical, financial, and management staff, it has been determined that the installation of additional wells and sealing of unnecessary existing wells at the Lakeview processing site is technically and economically feasible at this time. The DOE requests that this activity be included with the ongoing plans for drilling at the Lakeview UMTRA disposal cell area.

It is my understanding that the request for bid is currently being prepared to accommodate the work necessary for installation of four point of compliance (POC) wells, and the sealing of two existing wells at the Lakeview disposal cell. It is a Project Office decision to proceed with the installation and monitoring of a minimal number of wells at the Lakeview processing site for the purpose of maintaining characterization data to determine if the groundwater quality is responsive to the removal and relocation of the uranium mill tailings.

The Project Office decision on this matter is not to be construed as general guidance to be applied at other UMTRA sites where the tailings are relocated to an offsite disposal cell. Instead, the Project Office policy is that any monitoring or installation of additional monitoring wells at processing sites will be decided on a site-specific basis, depending on the immediate need for maintaining characterization data related directly to the tailings stabilization activity. This policy will remain in effect until such time that a contract is in place and funding has been appropriated for the groundwater restoration program.

As previously recommended, the DOE requests that the selection of key existing wells at the Lakeview processing site, and the technical evaluation for determining the need to install a minimal number of additional processing site wells, be proposed by the TAC and recommended to DOE for consideration.

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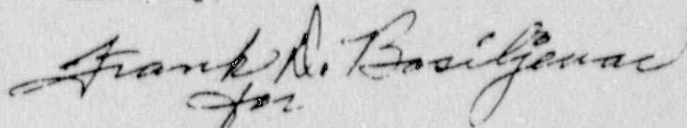
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I believe that the data, which will be available through the continuation of processing site characterization, will prove to be most useful now and in the future for the purpose of pursuing requirements as mandated under UMTRCA. Should you have any questions, please contact Jolene Garcia or Steve Hamp of my staff at FTS 845-4640.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frank A. Basilgenac" with "for" written below it.

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