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Ohio Department of Health
Division of Environmental Health
ATTN: Mr. Roger Suppes, Chief
Division of Environmental Health
246 N. High Street
Post Office Box 118
Columbus, OH 43216

Dear Mr. Suppes:

SUBJECT: ROUTINE PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL OF YOUR ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING

PROGRAM

This refers to the performance appraisal of the environmental monitoring program (Modification No. 17 to Cooperative Agreement NRC-30-83-646) conducted by Mr. Raymant Glinski and Dr. John House of this office, at the State of Ohio Department of Health on March 3 and 4, 1994; and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. Robert Owen of the Bureau of Radiological Health, Dr. Kathleen Meckstroth of the Bureau of Public Health Laboratories, and others of your staff at the exit meeting on March 4, 1994. Telephone discussions were subsequently held with Carl Heller on March 29, 1994 and with Marcia Howard on April 1, 1994.

The enclosed report identifies areas examined during the appraisal. Within these areas, the appraisal consisted of a review of selected documents, records, and procedures, a tour of the laboratory, and discussions with the management and staff of the Environmental Health Program and the Bureau of Public Health Laboratories.

Based on the appraisal results, we believe the Ohio Department of Health has, in general, the necessary personnel, equipment and facilities to satisfy the conditions of the Cooperative Agreement. Previous deficiencies were being addressed and considerable improvements had been made in management of the contract. However, as discussed in the appraisal report and during the exit meeting on March 4, 1994, some concerns still exist. Specifically, the Bureau of Public Health Laboratories requires further radiochemistry expertise in order to improve the radiological analyses of environmental samples, and some equipment is nearing the end of its life expectancy and replacement should be considered.

Based on our review and on the above discussions with your staff, we have recommended continuation of the cooperative agreement currently in force and are recommending release of funds for 1993 and the first quarter of 1994.

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We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this appraisal or the existing cooperative agreement.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY W. L. AXELSON

W. L. Axelson, Director Division of Radiation Safety and Safeguards

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