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Headquarters
Washington, DC 20555

SUBJECT: West Valley Qualification Notebook - Replacement

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for your use and information are five copies of the replacement "Waste Qualification Notebook" used to support the West Valley Waste Form Qualification Program for Cement Solidification of Sludge Wash Liquid. As you know, the original test program was unable to develop a suitable waste form recipe.

Based upon the consultation of many experts, including NRC, we have revised the test program extensively. The new notebook reflects the changes. The four notebooks sent to you in May 1991 are no longer valid and may be discarded. Information developed under the old notebook however, is not "lost" and will be retained in the West Valley Project records.

As before, the notebook is arranged in a tabular format. Several tabs are "blank", and will be filled in as the documents outlined in the Test Plan are completed. Progress on recipe qualification is covered in the schedule update provided to you weekly.

Since this mid-course correction has resulted in overall schedule delays, we would like to invite you and Mary Adams to join us for a detailed review of the new Plan sometime in the near future. We will contact you soon with more details.

If you have any questions on the recipe work, please call Steve Ketola on FTS 473-4314.

Sincerely,

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T. J. Rowland, Director
West Valley Project Office

Enclosure: Five Notebooks

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