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Re: Acknowledgment of Request for Approval of Part I of the
Molycorp, Washington, Pennsylvania facility decommissioning
plan (TAC L50037)

Request for Additional Information Related to the Draft
Environmental Assessment for the Molycorp, York, Pennsylvania
Decommissioning Plan

Dear Roy:

As a follow-up to our conversation today, I am writing in response to Larry Camper's letters of October 19, 1999 regarding the above-referenced matters. These letters request certain additional information from Molycorp regarding both its Washington, Pennsylvania facility Decommissioning Plan and its York, Pennsylvania facility Decommissioning Plan.

As I indicated to you in our telephone conversation, Jack Daniels has been off work due to illness for virtually the entire month of October. Presently, we do not have a definitive date for Mr. Daniels' return, as this will depend upon his continuing improvement. We are, however, hopeful that he can return at some point in time during the week of November 1 or, at the latest, the following week.

Mr. Daniels' continued absence from work and unavailability due to illness have hampered Molycorp's ability to provide information responsive to Mr. Camper's October 19 letters. Mr. Daniels, by virtue of his position as Project Manager as well as his historical involvement, is uniquely situated to provide a much of the information requested in the letters. In particular, Mr. Daniels is the only person within the company who can assemble the historical information requested regarding the York facility.

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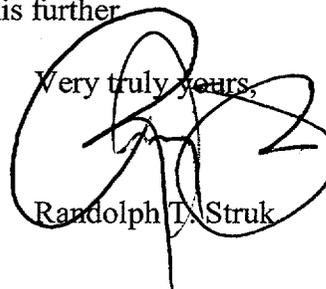
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Due to Mr. Daniels' past and ongoing unavailability, I am writing to request an extension of time within which to provide the information requested in Mr. Camper's October 19 letters. In this regard, we are requesting an extension until November 29, 1999, to provide the information requested regarding the York facility and an extension until December 15, 1999 to provide the information requested regarding the Washington Decommissioning Plan. If these dates are unacceptable, I would welcome the opportunity to discuss alternative extensions. Moreover, I will keep you advised of any developments regarding Mr. Daniels' return to work.

Please call me at your convenience to discuss this further

Very truly yours,

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