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**SUBJECT: CLARIFICATION ON SUBMITTAL OF GENERAL FACILITY INFORMATION COMPONENT #9 – HYDROGEOLOGIC SITE ATLAS**

Dear Mr. Bearzi:

Section IV.A.2 of the March 1, 2005 Compliance Order on Consent (Consent Order) requires the Department of Energy and University of California (the Permittees) to submit annual updates to the General Facility Information (GFI) by March 31 of each year. The Laboratory will submit the annual update of General Facility Information on March 31, 2006, as stipulated, but without item #9, the Hydrogeologic Site Atlas. The purpose of this letter is to clarify submittal of that component. The Laboratory will submit an update to the Hydrogeologic Site Atlas on June 30, 2006. The reason for submitting the Hydrogeologic Site Atlas after the General Facility Information is the time required for importing the geologic and hydrogeologic information created by the Geologic Framework Model (GFM) onto map surfaces. The reviewed and qualified version of the 2005 GFM was completed in late January. Hence, we are unable to produce map surfaces in time to complete the internal review cycle of the General Facility Information deliverable.

We recognize that the interests of both NMED and the Laboratory are served when up-to-date and accurate information is available. We anticipate updating the Hydrogeologic Site Atlas when new information is available. Although this type of off-cycle schedule is not anticipated annually, it may occur in updates of the Hydrogeologic Site Atlas if future major revisions are made to the GFM.

We discussed the matter of schedule with your staff on February 21, 2006. In addition to schedule, we discussed the proposed content, scale, format and size of the Site Atlas, because we would like to make the Site Atlas as portable and useful as possible. These discussions were very beneficial.



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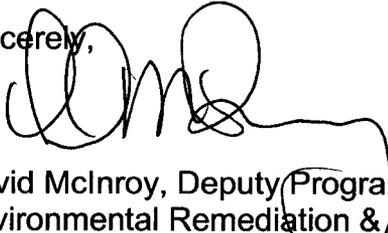
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