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HAZARDOUS WASTE SECTION

Dear Mr. Crossman:

This letter is in response to your request for the proposed sequence of Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) closures. The sequence and pace of progress will be closely tied to the Department of Energy's Environmental Restoration (ER) Program budget. Accordingly, we are providing you the current rationale representing the best estimates we can make at present that are consistent with our current year budget and anticipated funding under the ER Program starting in FY 90. There are major uncertainties because 1) we do not currently fully know what will be required under each closure plan once they are finalized following your review and public comment, and 2) future budgets may not materialize at the levels contained in the current ER budget requests. Thus, these projections are subject to actual expenditures and available funding.

FY 1989. This year we have funding to allow completing closures of the Technical Area (TA)-16 Burning Ground Surface Impoundment, the TA-35 Surface Impoundments (TSL-85 and TSL-125), and the TA-54 Area L Waste Oil Storage Tanks. The closures are expected to be accomplished in that order.

FY 1990. Current ER Program budget requests include funding that should allow completion of the closure of the TA-40 Scrap Detonation Site and significant progress on the closure of the TA-16 Area P Landfill assuming no major modifications to the proposed closure plans. Other work toward RCRA closures would be anticipated in relation to revising the closure plan for TA-54 Areas L and H, and possibly further study of the vadose zone at TA-54.

FY 1991. Current ER Program budget requests include funding that should allow completion of the TA-16 Area P Landfill closure and significant progress on the closure of TA-54 Areas L and H. Other work toward RCRA closures would be anticipated in relation to revising the closure plan for TA-54 Area G and possibly further study of the vadose zone at TA-54.

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FY 1992. Current ER Program budget requests include funding that should allow completion of the TA-54 Areas L and H closure assuming no major modification to the proposed plan and significant progress on the closure of TA-54 Area G.

Should you have any questions, please call Donna Lacombe at 667-5288.

Sincerely,


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