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Kent & Tony,

We received your letter dated September 6, 2005 regarding borehole drilling at MDA C. NMED has reviewed this letter and has the following comments:

- 1) NMED requires additional explanation regarding the absence of one borehole between Pits 1 and 3 on the eastern half of the site. It was NMED's understanding that the actual Pit boundaries and shaft row locations were estimated based on geophysical surveys. Therefore, if the locations of Pit boundaries and shaft rows are estimated, why would you propose three boreholes between Pits 1 and 3 and not a fourth?
- 2) The Permittees must explain why BH-27 cannot be relocated. It is understood that the "documented safety analysis for WCRR requires the drill rig to be moved a minimum of 40 ft away from storage containers, transportables, and structures" and there are several utility lines which prohibit drilling in the proposed location. However, based on the map provided, it looks as though BH-27 can be moved slightly to the northeast (closer to building 50-0084). The Permittees must provide an additional explanation regarding the elimination of this borehole.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me anytime.

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