I was preparing to go on leave for the remainder of the year and was talking with Tom about loose ends that need to be taken care of. The main one I am concerned about is the RTR liquids issue we saw at Hanford, INL and (indirectly) SRS.

To recap the issues we have are that of consistency (rounding, significant figures, application of shape, and process in general) and documentation (having an auditable record for any method employed). I took the opportunity to contact NMED this morning and found that they were not aware of the estimation methodology I described but they were very concerned when I described what we had observed. They share our concerns about that the lack of documentation and consistency.

I would encourage you to keep this at the staff level but if you want to talk with Tom Peake, I would encourage that. I do not think elevating this issue would be of benefit to a timely resolution or in fostering a positive relationship between our organizations.

We are amenable to further discussion on this if it would help reach a mutually acceptable conclusion. If it would provide some relief and help encourage positive developments; a delay in your response to our concern is acceptable.

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