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Dear Steve:

After we spoke, another issue came to mind which ought to be addressed in the forthcoming quarterly meeting. Bill Lee of EEG tells me that the CUTTINGS model has been withdrawn from configuration management and that DOE, based on a recent QA surveillance attended by EEG, is in the process of fundamentally redesigning the model. The CUTTINGS model is important, because it models the quantity of waste released directly to the surface on an intrusion.

I would request that DOE present the current status and plans for the CUTTINGS model at the quarterly meeting. Under the current Disposal Decision Plan DOE will start making final computer runs in February, and by January 11 they should be prepared to explain how they will model direct releases.

Thanks for considering this.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lindsay".

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