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Subject: Request for Approval of Risk-Based Disposal of PCB/Radioactive Waste

Dear Ms. Wong:

As described in the enclosed application, the Department of Energy (DOE) requests approval from the EPA for risk-based disposal of less than 0.25 cubic yard of PCB/radioactive waste. The waste was generated during DOE-sponsored remediation of the DOE-Grand Junction Office facility and has been managed in storage while DOE identifies a treatment or disposal option.

The DOE proposes to dispose of this waste in the Grand Junction (a.k.a., Cheney) Disposal Cell. This facility complies with EPA design requirements specified in 40 CFR 192. The DOE will provide stewardship services in perpetuity under a license issued by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission under 10 CFR 40.27.

The EPA approved risk-based disposal of approximately 29 cubic yards of PCB/radioactive remediation waste and PCB/radioactive bulk product waste at this facility in 2000. At that time, because less material was excavated than planned, only 12 cubic yards of waste was disposed of during 2000.

Currently, the Grand Junction Disposal Site is scheduled to open once per year. The next opening will be in April 2002, and the construction schedule indicates that DOE will be able to dispose of the waste until as late as June 7, 2002. Anything you can do to expedite consideration of this application will be appreciated so that we may dispose of the waste this year.

If you have any questions, please contact Art Kleinrath of my staff at (970) 248-6037.

Sincerely,

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