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Original Signed By
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DATE- 11/20/96

MAIL CTRL. - 1996

TASK STARTED - 11/20/96

TASK DUE - 12/20/96

TASK COMPLETED - / /

TASK DESCRIPTION - 11/13/96 LTR KS REQUEST FOR NRC TO CONTINUE TO FUND
TRAINING AND TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR FY 97

REQUESTING OFF. - KANSAS' REQUESTER - V. COOPER WITS - 0 FYP - N

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PERSON -

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PROG. AREA -

PROJECT STATUS -

OSP DUE DATE:

PLANNED ACC. - N

LEVEL CODE - 1

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Assigned to: DMS4

Due Date: 12/20

Doesn't
appear to
satisfy the
criteria.

I called Mr. Cooper and he confirmed that they are on an annual budget cycle, but money for training has not been included in 1997 FY. He also said he has two vacancies that he needs to fill and he does not have the money to train them. He asked for our consideration of this in making our decision.

Dennis Sollenberger 12/18/96