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Gentlemen:

PUREX STARTUP SUPPORT

This letter is to inform you of our understanding of the required documentation that the contractors, Rockwell Hanford Operations (Rockwell), Pacific Northwest Laboratory (PNL) and Hanford Environmental Health Foundation (HEHF), will be providing to the Department of Energy (DOE) in support of PUREX startup. In our previous conversations, we agreed to provide DOE with two documents (under Rockwell cover) which will incorporate Rockwell, PNL and HEHF data. The first document will be a "Preliminary Preoperational Survey Report" which will detail sample designs, data collection techniques and any preliminary data that are available. This document will be due to DOE one month prior to PUREX startup, which at the present time appears to be scheduled for September 30, 1983. In order to meet this milestone and expedite the review process, we are requesting your input by July 16, 1983.

The second report which will be provided to DOE will take the form of a final document which will include the information from the preliminary document plus all additional data which has been received and evaluated. This final document will be in the form of an "ST" document and will be due to DOE no later than 9 months following PUREX startup. Because "ST" documents typically undergo a more arduous editing and review process, we will need your input at least 8 weeks before the 9 month due date. The final due date will be established after actual PUREX startup. If PUREX does begin operations on September 30, 1983, then the latest we could receive your input would be May 1, 1984.

We look forward to working with you in the coordination of these efforts to meet these DOE milestones. We will continue to keep you informed of any information we obtain with regard to these commitments. If you have any questions, contact us at 3-2145 or 3-3915.

Very truly yours,

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