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Jeff Snook, Manager WAG 7
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RE: DOE Proposal for Semi-Annual Aquifer Monitoring at the Radioactive Waste Management Complex (RWMC) – (EM-ER-04-144)

Dear Mr. Snook:

I have received your letter proposal of July 8, 2004 to reduce groundwater monitoring at the RWMC from quarterly to semi-annual. After review of your proposal, DEQ concurs that quarterly sampling can at this time be reduced to semi-annual sampling for the foreseeable future. This change is, of course, subject to re-evaluation given unexpected events such as elevated concentrations of specific contaminants which may invalidate modeling predictions, or some other anomaly, which requires more frequent sampling to discern its cause.

Please contact me at (208) 373-0492 if you need further discussion on my response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daryl F. Koch".

Daryl F. Koch
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