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Re: Information from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

Dear Mr. Pevec:

This responds to your letter of December 7, 1998, concerning requests for information on radiological conditions at Enewetak from Dr. John Mauro of Sanford Cohen and Associates, and Dr. Ben Hajek of Auburn University. Your letter also proposes that DOE instruct Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) to have an ongoing dialogue with Drs. Mauro and Hajek and others working with you, to enable your experts to determine the radiological conditions at Enewetak and the options for remediation.

As you note in your letter, the Department of Energy (DOE) strongly supports your efforts to have conducted an independent analysis of the radiological conditions at Enewetak. DOE will continue to be responsive to your and others' requests for LLNL data. Recently, for example, we provided you with electronic data from the 1992-1997 LLNL characterization of the southern and eastern islands and we provided you reference to the data from the 1978-1979 Enewetak Atoll environmental cleanup.

With the exception of the data noted above, the requests of Drs. Mauro and Hajek forwarded with your letter do not seek existing records, but rather seek to have LLNL researchers analyze data, answer written questions, and review your consultants' work. I regret that we cannot use our contractors' time and resources in this manner.

To achieve our shared goal, cited in your letter, of providing the Enewetak community information in a cost effective and efficient manner, you should in the future request already-existing records, sufficiently described so we may locate them promptly. I look forward to working with you to make our joint efforts in this regard a success.

Sincerely,

Frank Hawkins, Director
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