Maywood Chemical Company Superfund Site

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Dear Mr. Mann:

Your April 12, 1995, letter to Thomas Grumbly was referred to our office for response. We appreciate your offer to assist the Office of Environmental Restoration (EM-40) in accelerating its rate of cleanup actions. We have reviewed your letter and your intent to propose Interim Remedial Actions to address contaminated soils at Hanford, Fernald, Maywood, NJ, and Naturita, Colorado through an unsolicited proposal.

EM-40 is interested in learning about the benefits of your approach and how it can be applied to environmental restoration activities. However, we feel your proposal should be forwarded directly to those sites for which you are proposing to do work. Cleanup activities, such as you are proposing, are not funded or managed by our Headquarters operation. The role of Headquarters in DOE's environmental restoration program is to provide forward-looking strategic thinking and conceptualization for the program. Decisions on the day-to-day implementation of the program are left to the field offices, given their adherence to the framework established by Headquarters policy and guidance. This includes all construction and test activities. Attachment 1 identifies the appropriate field contacts who can properly address and evaluate your unsolicited proposal. We have also included for your information a DOE brochure entitled, "Guide for the Submission of Unsolicited Proposals," which may be of interest to you.

Thank you for your interest in the EM-40 program. Your informative comments and participation at the EM-40 Technology Information Exchange Workshop on April 18, 1995, and April 19, 1995, were very much appreciated.

We look forward to working with you through our field offices in evaluating your soil washing proposal at EM-40 sites. We have forwarded a copy of your letter to each of the field office contacts listed on the attachment.

Sincerely,

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Re: Unsolicited Letter Proposal for Soil Treatment at Four DOE Sites

Dear Mr. Grumbly:

It was a pleasure for The Honorable Richard Ray, Andrew Reed of Geraghty & Miller, Inc., and me to meet with you on March 24, 1995. We truly understand your frustration with the "glacial" speed of cleanup actions at Department of Energy (DOE) sites. This unsolicited letter proposal intends to address that sense of urgency.

We propose Interim Remedial Actions on contaminated soils at four priority DOE sites: Hanford; Fernald; Maywood, New Jersey (FUSRAP); and Naturita, Colorado (UNTRA). A commercially mature separation and waste reduction technology will be employed by the team of Geraghty & Miller, Inc., and Heidemij NV of The Netherlands. Although accurate costs specific for each of the four sites are to be determined, we expect them to be within a range, on an economy of scale, of $20 - $100 per ton. These activities are not tests, experiments, studies, or demonstrations. They are real cleanup actions.

The benefits of this approach are important: (1) It provides a pathway to privatization and utilization of commercially available technologies; (2) DOE can report to Congress cleanup actions actually underway; (3) Field experience will provide real cost and performance data for baseline projections of Environmental Management budget requirements; and (4) It provides a soil treatment team with a proven track record (Heidemij founded in 1888) that can reduce risk and future liability.

Our interim remedial action approach will be presented at a 1-1/2 day concurrent session on “Resolving Barriers to Soil Treatment” which will be part of the DOE Seventh National Technology Information Exchange (TIE) Workshop, April 18-20, 1995, in Cincinnati, Ohio. This session has been organized by the Technology Connection (TECHCON) program and is cosponsored by the Hazardous Waste Action Coalition (HWAC), The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), The American Academy of Environmental Engineers, and an association of soil treatment...
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companies. We will have the opportunity to get feedback from a unique audience, representing DOE Headquarters Environmental Restoration, the Ohio State Legislature, regional EPA offices, FERMCO, problem holders from other sites, and local citizen stakeholder organizations.

We plan to submit for your consideration a detailed proposal on April 28, 1995. Meanwhile, we would be pleased to answer any questions regarding this letter proposal. My telephone number is 813-264-3571.

Sincerely,

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