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Mr. John Wise
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Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX
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Dear Mr. Wise:

I received your February 29, 1988, response to my November 27, 1987, interagency agreement proposal. I was pleased that we were in agreement on a majority of the points of that agreement proposal. However, I was disappointed to learn that you could not concur with it, or accept our offer to fully participate in the development of the feasibility study. We do, however, wish to be fully involved as a participant as outlined in your February letter during the preparation of the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS). Additionally, we will continue to implement management actions in the Atlas area per our developed land use plans.

I would like to request that EPA afford BLM the opportunity to review your Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs) list. Our staffs have cooperated in the development of this product. It is felt that BLM's review of the PRP list could enhance this product by a sharing of local knowledge by Bureau personnel who work in this area on a daily basis. Failure to provide us with this information will cause additional work on our part to reconstruct the list on our own, and it seems inappropriate to waste government funds.

For your information and use we are in the process of establishing a Project Manager for the Atlas site. This person will have the coordination and technical review responsibilities for the Atlas site, under the leadership of Mr. Howell, our Hollister Resource Area Manager.

I look forward to continuing our cooperative relationship on the Atlas Project. If additional information is needed specific to the area of operations, please don't hesitate to contact Dave Howell, Hollister Resource Area Manager at (408) 637-8183.

Sincerely,

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State Director

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