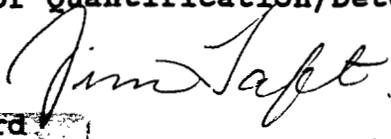


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SUBJECT: Resolution of Quantification/Detection Level Issues

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DATE: January 29, 1996

This is to confirm our discussion of January 22 on this subject. As I mentioned, we have had a number of internal discussions over the past few months on the various options for resolving this issue. They boil down to (1) developing short term guidance for NPDES permit writers for addressing situations where water quality-based permit limits are below quantification/detection levels based on information currently available or; (2) working jointly with EAD over the next several months to address the full range of issues, including those impacting expression of NPDES permit limits, and developing long term guidance based upon this more complete analysis.

We have concluded that it would be more advisable to pursue the latter course of action and to continue to work through individual permit issues, in the interim, on a case-by-case basis. You indicated that you would be in position to develop a detailed schedule of this "project" over the next two weeks that would call for resolution of all outstanding issues. We look forward to discussing that schedule with you and Henry and stand ready to work with you on the various components of this project. Also, as I've mentioned in the past, we have a modest amount of resources in a SAIC work assignment dedicated to this task.

Please let me know when we can discuss the schedule and the components of this project. Thanks.