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Dear Dr. Wacholz:

The following information is submitted in support of our mid-year request for $70K in additional operating funds for the BNL Marshall Islands Radiological Safety Program.

The original budget request of $211K was revised to $402K during FY-1978 to cover anticipated increases in the following areas: (1) personnel monitoring activities; (2) [illegible] requirements for field trips not supported by the DOE vessel; and (3) [illegible] field trip requests by DOES which could not be anticipated during initial [illegible] projections over a year ago. As a result of the relocation of the Bikinians in 1978, we have had to make two field trips to Majuro (January and May 1979), [illegible] not a part of our original program plan. No DOE field trip ship support was available for Marshall Islands programs for during 1978. When a vessel [illegible] available (early 1979), it could not be used to support the two aforementioned personnel monitoring trips. These trips both involved greater expense to the program than would have been incurred on typical field trips with DOE ship support. The financial burden imposed by these trips is now jeopardizing our planned personnel monitoring field trip to Utirik, Rongelap and Ujelang in August-September. In addition, we discovered in January that the whole body counting trailer was in need of such major repairs as to warrant its replacement. This must be accomplished before the August-September field trip.

At this point, the program is solvent with respect to salaries, overhead, pre-existing commitments and work currently in progress. However, the additional funds are still required to accomplish our late-summer field trip. The estimate was $50K, but the [illegible] is now imposing its overhead rate on travel and material as well as staff salaries. This brings the total to $70K.

Please call me at FTS 665-4250 or 665-4207 if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

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