



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

January 15, 1993

Ms. Stella Guerra
Assistant Secretary
Territorial and International Affairs
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Ms. Guerra:

This is in reply to your letter dated December 21, 1992, in which you responded to a request to extend the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the operation of the Enewetak Agricultural and Food Program. The inquiry by a member of the Department of Energy's (DOE) Pacific Area Support Office to Mr. Larry Morgan for an extension and to provide additional funding for maintaining contractor personnel at the field station for this additional period was an informal communication and not an official request from DOE.

The Office of Health will be performing a final safety review to determine the ultimate disposition of DOE facilities, equipment and materials in January 1993, with total control of the program and the Enewetak field station being assumed by the Enewetak Local Government Council. However, due to scheduling constraints, the official ceremony at Enewetak is currently being planned to coincide with our Radiological Mission on February 19, 1993.

DOE appreciates your extension of the MOA until February 28, 1993. Additional funding above the levels authorized in your letter of October 22, 1993, are adequate and it was never the intention of DOE to request additional funds. Should additional expenses be incurred prior to expiration of the MOA, these expenses will be covered under existing DOE funds.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul L. Ziemer".

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