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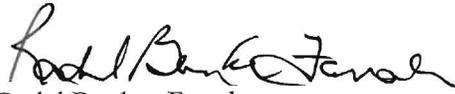
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Subject: Request for Extension of Time for Response to NMED Notice of Disapproval – 200 Area Phase I Status Report

On January 30, 2013 NASA submitted the *200 Area Phase I Status Report (SR)* to NMED, which provided a summary of the results of the 200 Area Phase I field investigation performed between September 2012 and January 2013. On May 8, 2013 NMED responded with the *Notice of Disapproval (NOD) – 200 Area Phase I Status Report*. The NOD included 16 comments that require responses and/or modifications of sections within the Phase I SR. NMED required NASA to submit comment responses and a revised 200 Area Phase I SR by June 20, 2013.

Comments 1 through 5 of the NOD incorporate specialized processing, presentation, and evaluation of geophysical data provided in Phase I SR Appendix B, a report generated by HydroGeophysics, Inc. (HGI) titled *Geophysical Characterization of NASA WSTF: 200 Area and Adjacent Portions of the 100, 600, and 800 Areas*. To manipulate the geophysical data and provide detailed responses to the NMED comments, HGI must be contracted to assist with the required processing and presentation of the data contained within the geophysical comments. HGI has indicated a timeframe of approximately four weeks to complete a revised report for Phase I SR Appendix B that addresses relevant sections within Comments 1 through 5. Additionally, due to a WSTF environmental services contract transition, HGI could not be contracted to address these comments until after the new contract start date (June 1, 2013).

To allow time for personnel to subsequently review and incorporate the data provided by HGI along with the other requirements of the submittal, NASA requests an extension of time for the 200 Area Phase I NOD response, and proposes a revised submittal date of August 7, 2013. If you have any questions or comments concerning this submittal, please contact Tim Davis of my staff at 575-524-5024.


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