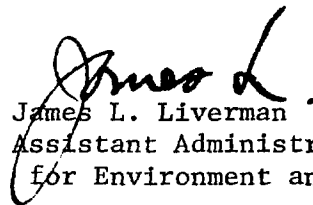


~~A value having the recommendations transmitted by your letter of~~  
January 12, which were based on TTG's review of information relevant  
to observations of Pu in the urine of Bikini residents.

We plan to obtain urine samples collected as you recommend and are  
considering initiating an independent assessment of the plutonium  
body burdens expected for residents of Bikini. We are glad to have  
your confirmation that potential health consequences associated with  
the range of possible plutonium body burdens is very small and agree  
that specific estimates of potential health consequences should be  
deferred until data are improved.

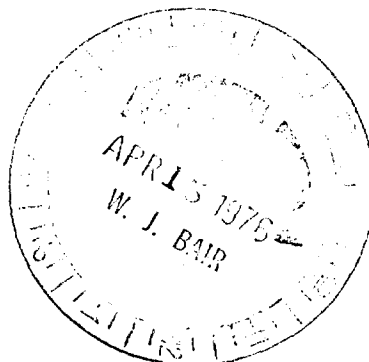
Thank you for your prompt review and recommendations on this matter.  
We will keep TTG informed of significant developments.

Sincerely,



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