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COOPERATIVE RESEARCH INITIATIVE - GBW-131-86

Dear Mike:

This letter is to update you on two items since our last communication by phone or letter. First, our initiative for cooperative research on atmospheric deposition in the Intermountain region was submitted late last winter and is still being considered for funding at this time. This initiative is based on the concept paper that was sent to you in March, entitled, "Intermountain Region Integrated Ecological and Environmental Study to Address the Development of Significant Western Energy Reserves". It may be several weeks to a month or more from now before we find out if we have been successful.

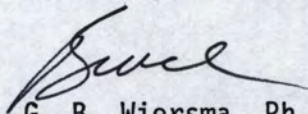
Second, we have also submitted a small proposal to the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) for support to hold a several-day workshop on their Integrated Lake Watershed Acidification Study (ILWAS) model. The workshop would focus on the ILWAS model as a potential planning tool for atmospheric deposition research in the Intermountain area and would involve the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory, modelers at Colorado State University, interested university researchers, and representatives from a number of western utilities. EPRI has indicated that they would like to support the workshop as a technology transfer of the model, but unfortunately, even limited funding is unavailable at this time. We have been told that they will continue to look for support even if it is only partial coverage. Other sources of funding have also been approached but their involvement would most likely be on a matching basis after some initial commitment from EPRI. If we should be successful in getting support for a workshop of this nature, it probably would not be held until this fall or later.

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We are continuing our efforts to support both short-term and long-term approaches to cooperative research with you and other university researchers. At present, we are waiting to see to what degree we have succeeded with both the regional initiative and the workshop. I will notify you of any news as soon as we have a definite yes or no answer for either of these projects.

Thank you for your support. Feel free to call or write me if you have any questions, ideas, or comments.

Sincerely,



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