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From: Miller, Gary, CIV, WSO-BRAC
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2005 6:09 PM
To: Beauchamp, Arthur, CIV, WSO-BRAC
CC: Small, Kenneth, CIV, WSO-BRAC; Cook, Robert, CIV, WSO-BRAC
Subject: RE: Ellsworth Environmental Clean-up Costs

Art,

The AF is showing \$27 million in costs to complete the environmental restoration at Ellsworth. They have spent \$67.36 million through FY03. I am not sure where the \$1.15 million number came from that he provided. They did not provide backup to the numbers (such as the \$54 million they say it will take to cleanup Ellsworth) so it is hard to say which is correct. However, the number we are using comes from the Defense Environmental Restoration Account which only includes environmental restoration costs for contamination prior to 1986. However, this number usually includes long term monitoring and maintenance of installed corrective action treatment systems. He is correct in saying there are other costs that may be incurred if the installation is closed. These are related to closing underground storage tanks and misc. other units such as oil/water separators and fire training areas. In general these costs are not included in the payback calculations and so they are not tracked. The best we can do is show it as an issue and include DoD's estimate, there is no information that would lead me to believe the cost should be doubled.

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*The cost in COPRA are
for compliance*

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From: Beauchamp, Arthur, CIV, WSO-BRAC
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Gary, can you confirm this? Or let me know how I can. It just so happened that this morning Bob asked that we take a hard look at the Environmental Remediation at Ellsworth so the timing on this email is good. Tks.]

Art

From: Taylor, Bob (Thune) [mailto:Bob_Taylor@thune.senate.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2005 1:21 PM
To: Beauchamp, Arthur, CIV, WSO-BRAC
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Art, we will likely send you an overall cost/savings paper that includes this later today. I wanted to pass to you our estimates on actual clean-up costs if Ellsworth closes.

We believe the Air Force grossly underestimated the cost of environmental clean-up. I