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Cindy,

Questions I need answered in order to brief my Director:

1. Why was it necessary to extend the contract (from 08/17/2009 to 12/31/2009)?
I believe you previously told me that it was because there were more data than you had initially estimated; also perhaps that your ACME colleagues were juggling multiple tasks along with the task of providing you with these data.

2. What is the status of Task 1, the data set, and when will it be completed?
You wrote in the Progress Report: *"As of this writing, the bulk of the ACME study data from all investigators has been received. Perhaps 10% of data still remain to be collected. Compilation of the data by my group is underway, with the compilation roughly 50% complete at this point. During the third quarter of 2009, we will complete the compilation, …"*
The third quarter ends Sept. 30. Should I use that date for completion of compilation? In the contract amendment it says "Final data set, December 1, 2009".

3. What is the status of Task 2, the "Synthesis Report of available literature on sulfate and sulfide effects on MeHg production"?
Your text in the Progress Report is good; we can say further, as per the contract amendment: Final report, December 1, 2009

4. When will the USGS release the final data set (after internal review)?
Again, in the contract amendment it says "Final data set, December 1, 2009". It is not clear if you mean Final data set pre or post USGS review. I'm not sure you can give us a Final data set prior to USGS review. I'm not even sure you can give me an answer here, and if so we should discuss this. (Note that the contract states "data set (Excel or Access)".

Thanks,

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