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Ed – thanks for attending the LLNL work shop yesterday. Your comments and the comments by your team were very helpful. It is becoming very apparent (to me) that we need additional flexibility on how we set up and administer the LLNL R&D effort. The decision's time line limits our flexibility (file all the programs at once) as does the requirement that we are limited to spend \$30 million per year. I would like to seek a change in the decision that would allow us the flexibility to spend less in one year and more in another year as long as we stay within the \$152 million budget over 5 years. Is that something you could support ? Can we do that through the AL process or do we have to file a Petition to Modify? The AL modification is preferred but I'm not sure it is legally valid and I don't want to waste time fighting over that issue if we don't prevail. If we file a PTM, how soon can we get a decision and are we all ready to put up with the opposition to it by interveners who hate the program? I'd appreciate your thoughts.