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**SUBJECT: Time extension to incorporate comments on the OU 5-12 Draft Final ROD for
Waste Area Group 5 - (OPE-ER-200-99)**

Dear Messrs. Pierre and Nygard:

A 20 day extension is hereby requested to incorporate comments on the Draft Final Record of Decision for Operable Unit 5-12, Waste Area Group 5. The extension is needed to ensure that comments are resolved adequately, and to accommodate the holiday recess.

IDHW and EPA comments were last received on December 8th. A 20 day extension would conclude on January 12th, and will not impact any established milestones, or deliverables.

If you have questions regarding this request, please call me at (208) 526-4392, or Kevin C. O'Neill at (208) 526-5455.

Sincerely,

Kathleen E. Hain

Kathleen E. Hain, Director
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