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SUBJECT: Transmittal of the OU 5-12 ROD for Waste Area Group 5 - (OPE-ER-06-99)

Dear Messrs. Pierre and Nygard:

This letter transmits the Record of Decision for Operable Unit 5-12, Waste Area Group 5 at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory. Additional copies have been sent to your staff for their use.

The OU 5-12 ROD incorporates the new EPA Guidance for development of Records of Decision and also responds to the EPA Region 10 policy on institutional controls.

Some changes between the draft final ROD and the final ROD have been made. The changes are largely the result of agency comments and ensuing discussions. These changes include:

- The Assessment of Site section in the declaration was replaced and now includes the words "imminent and substantial endangerment".
- The ARA-02 seepage pit sludge discussion was revised to better explain why the sludge is not Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) regulated.
- The groundwater monitoring discussion was expanded.
- The date 2095 for enforcing institutional controls has been removed from the document and the text was modified to indicate that institutional controls will not be discontinued until a site is released through a 5-year review.

Mr. Pierre
Mr. Nygard

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathleen E. Hain" followed by a flourish.

Kathleen E. Hain, Director
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Enclosure

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