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SUBJECT: Waste Area Group (WAG) 5 Extension Request - (EM-ER-01-143)

Dear Mr. Pierre and Mr. Nygard:

Per the *Waste Area Group 5, Operable Unit 5-12, Power Burst Facility and Auxiliary Reactor Area, Remedial Design/Remedial Action Scope of Work (DOE/ID-10722)*, Section 5, Table 2, the Phase I Pre-final Inspection Report was to be submitted to the Agencies by the end of July 2001 with the draft Phase I Remedial Action Report to follow in September 2001. Because of delays in the schedule attributed to field activities requiring more time than originally allotted, the Pre-final Inspection Report and the Remedial Action Report will be delayed. This was previously discussed with and agreed to by the Agencies as captured in the minutes from the Waste Area Group (WAG) 5 Conference Call dated January 18, 2001.

Per Section XIII of the FFA/CO, it is requested that the pre-final inspection submittal date be changed to October 2, 2001, with the draft Phase I Remedial Action Report due date to follow on November 2, 2001. Per the Operable Unit (OU) 5-12 Remedial Design/Remedial Action (RD/RA) Scope of Work that was concurred upon by the Agencies, the Phase I Remedial Action Report is considered a secondary document with the Phase II Remedial Action Report (due in January 2006) being the primary submittal required by the *Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (FFA/CO)*. With the Phase I Remedial Action Report being considered a secondary document, this delay in its submittal will not impact an FFA/CO milestone.

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If you have any questions concerning this request, please contact Carol Hathaway at 208-526-4049 or myself at 208-526-4392.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathleen E. Hain".

Kathleen E. Hain, Manager
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