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Dirk Kempthorne, Governor  
C. Stephen Allred, Director

October 15, 2001

Mr. Warren Bergholtz – Acting Manager  
U.S. Department of Energy  
Idaho Operations Office  
850 Energy Drive  
Idaho Falls, ID 83401-1563

RE: Pit 9 Dispute Resolution

Dear Mr. Bergholtz:

This letter will confirm an agreement reached this week to extend the deadline for resolution of the Pit 9 controversy for an additional period of time concluding on November 30, 2001. The purpose of this extension is to allow the parties to complete drafting of a document intended to resolve matters raised by the dispute over Pit 9 deadlines.

DEQ appreciates DOE's willingness to commit to the additional deadlines listed below:

**PIT 9 ENFORCEABLE DEADLINES**

	<b>Enforceable Deadline</b>
Critical Decision -1 (CD-1)	Date to be provided by DOE
Critical Decision - 2/3 (CD-2/3)	Date to be provided by DOE
Stage II Remedial Design (Completed Project Design)	October 31, 2002
Stage II Notification of Commencement of Construction	November 30, 2002
Critical Decision - 4 (CD-4) Approve Start of Operations	Date to be provided by DOE
Notification of Commencement of Stage II Excavation	March 30, 2003
Notification of Completion of Stage II Excavation	October 31, 2004

With the issues of technical approach and enforceable deadlines substantially resolved, we will continue to work on the remaining administrative issues.

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The DEQ looks forward towards discussing these issues with you and reaching an agreement to resolve the dispute and beginning on the ground work at Pit 9.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Stephen Allred'.

C. Stephen Allred  
Director

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