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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
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1200 Sixth Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98101

October 25, 2001

Reply To  
Attn Of: ORC-158

Via FAX and U.S. Mail

Roger K. Corman  
Office of Chief Counsel  
U.S. Department of Energy  
Idaho Operations Office  
850 Energy Drive  
Idaho Falls, ID 83401-1566

Re: INEEL; Pit 9 Dispute Resolution

Dear Mr. Corman:

I am writing regarding the extension of time for the Pit 9 dispute resolution deadline. As you may be aware, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) received a letter from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) dated October 15, 2001, which confirmed an agreement to extend the deadline until November 30, 2001. Prior to that letter being sent to DOE, I spoke with Darrell Early, Idaho Office of Attorney General, and agreed with his suggestion that in order to expedite its issuance, IDEQ would solely sign the letter, which would also inform DOE of EPA's agreement with the extension date. The letter sent to DOE, however, includes no specific reference to EPA's agreement. You may accept this letter as an official indication of EPA's agreement with the November 30, 2001 extension date.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa A. Castañon".

Lisa A. Castañon  
Assistant Regional Counsel

cc: Darrell Early  
Peter J. Dirkmaat, DOE  
Ann Williamson, EPA