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**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 10**

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Seattle, Washington 98101

January 23, 2002

Reply To
Attn Of: ECL-113

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Mark Frei, Acting Manager
U.S. Department of Energy
Idaho Operations Office
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Idaho Falls, Idaho 83402

Dr. Bill Shipp
President and General Manager
Bechtel BWXT Idaho, LLC
Engineering Research Office Building
2525 Fremont Avenue
Idaho Falls, Idaho 83415

Re: Notice of Inspection and Request for Information Pursuant to Section 104 of CERCLA, 3007(a) of RCRA and the Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order ("FFA/CO") for Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory ("INEEL") in Idaho Falls, Idaho, hereinafter referred to as "the Site"

Dear Mr. Frei and Dr. Shipp:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") with the assistance of the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality ("IDEQ") will be performing an inspection of your site to evaluate compliance with the terms of the December 1991 FFA/CO and relevant sections of the National Contingency Plan. This inspection is scheduled to begin on Monday, January 28, 2002. The inspection will review the performance of response actions by the Department of Energy and its contractors pursuant to the FFA/CO.

Margo Dusenbury from our National Enforcement Investigations Center ("NEIC") will lead the two (2) teams of EPA and State investigators. This letter is your official inspection notification. The inspection is being conducted under EPA's authorities granted under federal environmental laws and regulations, including but not limited to:

- Sections 20 and 21 of the December 9, 1991, Federal Facility Agreement and Compliance Order for the INEEL;
- Section 104(e) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. §9604(e); and

- Section 3007(a) of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. §6927(a).

To expedite site access, we are including as Attachment A, the name, social security number (or DOE badge number) and citizenship of the inspection team members. Team representatives will be available at the outset of the inspection to brief you or your representatives on the purpose and scope of the investigation. A preliminary schedule is contained in Attachment B. Attachment C is a list of historical records and documents which we request be made available for review during our inspection beginning, Monday, January 28, 2002. More current operating documents, e.g., daily inspection logs, maintenance reports, etc., will be reviewed in the field at each site of operations.

Your cooperation with the NEIC/EPA Region 10/ IDEQ team is appreciated. If you have any questions about the inspection, please contact Ms. Dusenbury at (303) 236-6656.

If you have any legal or technical questions relating to this Information Request, you may consult with EPA prior to the time specified above. Please direct legal questions to Cyndy Mackey, Office of Regional Counsel at (206) 553-2569.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,



Michael F. Gearheard, Director
Environmental Cleanup Office

Enclosures

cc:

Kathleen Hain, DOE-ID
Jeff Snook, DOE-ID
Orville Green, IDEQ
Dean Nygard, IDEQ
Jean Lubinecki, EPA-NEIC

ATTACHMENT A

NEIC / EPA-10 / IDEQ INSPECTION TEAM PARTICIPANTS			
NAME	SSN or DOE Badge No.	CITIZENSHIP	COMMENTS
Margo Rae Dusenbury	349-60-6540	USA	Inspection Leader, Team 2
Wayne Noel Pierre	DOE # 061416	USA	"Q" security clearance, Team 2
Richard Matthew Wilkening	497-58-9775	USA	Team 1
Donald Joseph Smith	526-90-4104	USA	"Top Secret" security clearance, Team 2
Kathy Ivy	DOE # 086002	USA	"L" Security Clearance, Team 1
Dean Nygard	DOE #089949		"L" Security Clearance, Team 2
Daryl Koch	DOE # 072684	USA	"L" Security Clearance, Team 2
Gerry Winter	DOE #076498	USA	Team 1
Mark Jeffers	DOE #085003	USA	Team 1
Mark Clough	DOE #086416	USA	Team 1 & 2
Ted Limeratos	DOE #085506	USA	"L" Security Clearance, Team 1
Rick Poston	023-36-2046	USA	"Q" Security Clearance, Team 2
Glenn Bruck	398-64-7181	USA	"Secret" security clearance, Team 1

ATTACHMENT B

Preliminary Schedule			
Time Period	Location	Team	Activity
Monday AM	DOE-ID, Idaho Falls	Team Representatives	Opening Conference with DOE-ID ER Management Representatives
Monday AM	Idaho Falls-BITC Campus	Team Representatives	
Monday PM	TBD location, Idaho Falls	All Teams	"Requested" Documents Review
Tuesday AM	INTBC	Ia	WAG 3 CERCLA sites
	INTEC/TRA	Ib	Observe Ia's Inspection & WAG 2 CERCLA Sites
	TBD location, Idaho Falls	Ila	WAG 7 Interviews
	TBD location, Idaho Falls	Ilb	WAG 7 Document Reviews
Tuesday PM	INTBC	Ia	WAG 3 CERCLA sites
	ARA/BORAX	Ib	WAG 5 CERCLA sites
	TBD location, Idaho Falls	Ila	WAG 7 Interviews
	TBD location, Idaho Falls	Ilb	WAG 7 Document Reviews
Wednesday AM	TAN	Ia	WAG 1 CERCLA sites
	SDA	Ib	WAG 7 CERCLA sites
	TBD location, Idaho Falls	Ila	WAG 7 Interviews
	TBD location, Idaho Falls	Ilb	WAG 7 Document Reviews
Wednesday PM	CFA	Ia	WAG 4 CERCLA sites
	TBD	Ib	CERCLA Sites Requiring follow-up
	TBD location, Idaho Falls	Ila	WAG 7 Document Reviews

Preliminary Schedule			
Time Period	Location	Team	Activity
	TBD location, Idaho Falls	I1b	WAG 7 Interviews
Thursday AM	WAG 7	I1a	WAG 7 CERCLA Sites
	WAG 10	I1b	Misc Sites
	TBD location, Idaho Falls	I1a	WAG 7 Interviews
	TBD location, Idaho Falls	I1b	WAG 7 Document Reviews
Thursday PM	TBD location, Idaho Falls	I1a	Document Reviews/Interviews
	TBD location, Idaho Falls	I1b	Document Reviews/Interviews
	TBD location	I1a	WAG 7 Interview Followup
	TBD location	I1b	WAG 7 Interview Followup
Friday AM	TBD location, Idaho Falls	I1a	Document Reviews
	TBD location, Idaho Falls	I1b	Document Reviews
	TBD location, Idaho Falls	I1a	Document Reviews
	TBD location, Idaho Falls	I1b	Document Reviews
Friday Midday	TBD location, Idaho Falls	All Teams	Exit Conference - General
	DOB-ID, Idaho Falls	Team Representatives	Exit Conference with DOB-ID BR Management Representatives

ATTACHMENT C
DOCUMENT REQUEST LIST

Request for Information Pursuant to Section 104 of CERCLA, 3007(a) of RCRA and Parts 20 & 21
of the Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order ("FFA/CO")

1. For FFA/CO Operable Units 1-07(b); 1-10; 2-13; 3-13; 4-12; 4-13; 5-05; 5-12; 5-13; 6-01; 7-08; and 7-12:
 - a. Final FFA/CO Remedial Designs (including the latest FFA/CO approved modification);
 - b. Final FFA/CO Remedial Action Work Plans (including the latest FFA/CO approved modification);
 - c. Final FFA/CO Operation & Maintenance Plans (including the latest FFA/CO approved modification);
 - d. As-Built Design Drawings and Specifications;
 - e. All Operational Procedures (including TPR's) used at any time during FY'00, FY'01 and 1st quarter FY'02 (including the latest FFA/CO approved modification) and a list identifying at which remedial activity they were applied;
 - f. All FY'00, FY'01 and 1st quarter FY'02 inspection reports (to include supporting data, e.g., photo logs, surveys, etc.) associated with implementing remedial actions;
 - g. All OM&M sampling and analysis results (including radiation surveys) for FY'00, FY'01 and 1st quarter FY'02;
 - h. All waste inventory and/or waste tracking records for each month in FY'00, FY'01 and 1st quarter FY'02; and
 - i. All FY'00, FY'01 and 1st quarter FY'02 Unusual Occurrence and Corrective Action Reports and equivalents associated with implementing remedial actions.
2. List of spills, including those reported to the National Response Center that occurred in FY'00, FY'01 or 1st Quarter FY'02 .
3. All records of CERCLA waste characterizations of bulk and/or containerized wastes staged, stored or disposed either on-INEEL or off-INEEL .
4. Final RI/FS Work Plan (including the latest FFA/CO approved modification) for DOE-ID's implementation of OU 7-13/14.
5. List of all monitoring wells on the INEEL facility and the associated operation and maintenance records for each.
6. Records and/or notifications and/or other communications with trustees (e.g., BLM,

F&W, NOAA, Shoshone Bannock Tribes) concerning hazardous substance releases .

7. All records associated with the transportation of remediation waste from an operable unit to an on-INEEL disposal site and all suitability determinations supporting the use of the disposal site.
8. All documents, including letters, notes, e-mails and/or memoranda, associated with implementing the OU 7-10 remedial action which were generated during FY'00 and FY'01.
9. All documents, including letters, notes, e-mails and/or memoranda, associated with implementing the OU 7-13/14 remedial investigation which were generated during FY'00 and FY'01.
10. All documents, including letters, notes, e-mails and/or memoranda, associated with implementing the OU 7-13/14 feasibility study including treatability studies which were generated during FY'00 and FY'01.
11. List of all Environmental restoration projects in FY'00 thru 1st Quarter FY'02 where planned funding has differed by more than 10% from actual funding.
12. All cost estimates used by DOE and/or its contractor BBWL, supporting the OU:3-13; OU 7-10; and OU 7-13/14 remedial activities in FY'00 thru 1st Quarter FY'02.
13. All TRU waste drum assay results generated prior to FY'02, to include both the stored and buried waste at the Radioactive Waste Management Complex.