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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

12 March 2003

Environmental Management Branch

Ms Kathleen Hain, Lead
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Department of Energy
Idaho Operations Office
850 Energy Drive
Idaho Falls, ID 83401-1563

Dear Ms Hain:

This is in reference to your letter of January 10, 2003 concerning the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL) and its eligibility for the Defense Environmental Restoration Program for Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS). First, all those portions of the INEEL formerly controlled and used by elements of the Department of Defense (DOD), in this case the Army and Navy, are eligible for FUDS. The Walla Walla District Corps of Engineers conducted a preliminary assessment of eligibility in 1992, the site was determined eligible for consideration under FUDS in 1995, and given the property number F10ID070100. Subsequently, the Rock Island District prepared an Archive Search Report (ASR) that described an extensive ordnance problem at the facility, most of which was a consequence of former DOD activities. This report (draft dated 1996) was finalized in 1998. At that time, it was understood that the Department of Energy (DOE) was undertaking the ordnance cleanup at the INEEL. It was expected that the Corps would review the completed work at some unspecified time in the future for purposes of FUDS property closeout.

No future investigations or cleanup of ordnance or ordnance constituents by the Corps has been anticipated for the INEEL apart from some future review and monitoring activity. However, it is clear from your letter and the copy of the November 2002 Record of Decision that you sent me that expectations may have changed. I believe it would be extremely useful to meet in the near future at the Idaho Operations Office to discuss the situation and explore options for dealing with it. You should be aware that FUDS funding is severely constrained. Therefore I cannot forecast at this time when the Corps could become actively involved with ordnance remediation at the INEEL.

Please call me at telephone (206) 764-6745 so we may arrange a meeting and agenda. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan A. Maas".

Jonathan A. Maas
DERP-FUDS Project Manager

Hain
12 March 2003

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