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SUBJECT: INEEL - WAG 2 – Agreements Concerning Finalizing the "WAG 2 – Five-Year Remedy Review, Test Reactor Area, Operable Unit 2-13" (EM-ER-03-103)

Dear Mr. Nygard and Mr. Pierre:

The purpose of this letter is to document the path forward that was developed during an April 7, 2003, WAG 2 Managers' conference call. DOE believes that the WAG 2 remedy is fully responsive to the OU 2-12, Record of Decision and is protective of human health and of the environment. There are issues that remain to be resolved, as shown in this path forward:

- (1) The preparation of responses to some of IDEQ's and EPA's groundwater-related comments will require additional analysis of existing data and of the existing groundwater modeling study. Therefore, the final resolution of selected comments and issues will be deferred until the analysis is complete. The analysis should be available for discussions with the Agencies by July 1, 2003.
- (2) The resolutions to those comments that do not require the extensive analysis will be incorporated in the draft Final WAG 2 – Five-Year Remedy Review that will be submitted to DOE on or before Tuesday, June 10, 2003. The document will be submitted to the Agencies after DOE review.
- (3) Based on the additional analysis discussed in item (1), a determination will be made as to the need for additional work. If such work is required, a draft, written Scope of Work (SOW) for a "Post-5-Year Review Work Plan" will be negotiated between BBWI and DOE. The draft SOW will itemize scope, schedule and deliverables and will be provided to the Agencies for their review by July 2, 2003. If the additional analysis is sufficient to provide adequate responses to the Agencies' comments, an addendum or revision to the draft Final Remedy Review will be prepared.

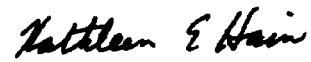
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If you have any questions concerning this submittal, please call either Glenn Nelson at (208) 526-0077 or me at (208) 526-4392.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen E Hain". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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