



## Department of Energy

Idaho Operations Office  
1955 Fremont Avenue  
Idaho Falls, ID 83401

December 19, 2003

Richard I. Loos, Project Director  
Clean/Close INTEC  
Idaho Completion Project  
P.O. Box 1625  
2525 North Fremont Ave.  
Idaho Falls, ID 83415

SUBJECT: Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis for Deactivation of CPP-603 Fuel Storage Basins - (EM-ER-03-318)

REFERENCE: R.L. Loos to F.C. Holmes, November 24, 2003, (CCN 46385)

Dear Mr. Loos:

DOE has made minor changes to the wording of the Memorandum submitted by the above referenced letter. Your staff has agreed to the changes and the signed Memorandum is provided with this letter.

The above referenced letter (CCN 46385) seemed to misinterpret the process for approving a Non-time Critical Removal Action. DOE has, by signing the enclosed Memorandum, given permission for BBWI to develop an Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) for the Deactivation of the CPP-603 Fuel Storage Basins. The EE/CA will compare alternative methods of performing the proposed action.

The EE/CA will be reviewed by DOE and be subject to public comment. Since this will be the first visible use of Non-time Critical Removal Action authority for D&D at the INEEL and the waste generated by the removal is assumed, at this time, to be disposed in the ICDF, a public meeting on the EE/CA is prudent. Public comments on the ICDF indicated a concern with the disposal of D&D debris. After consideration of public comment on the EE/CA, DOE will prepare an Action Memorandum that will select the action to implement deactivation of CPP-603.

At this time, it is assumed that a Non-time Critical Removal Action is appropriate but only when the Action Memorandum is signed, will DOE be giving approval for the action. No waste generated by pre-Action Memorandum activities can be placed in the ICDF. Such waste does not meet the Waste Acceptance Criteria of being generated by a CERCLA action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frank C. Holmes".

Frank C. Holmes, Director  
INTEC Programs Division

Enclosure