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SUBJECT: Notification For In Situ Bioremediation Remedial Action Report, Test Area North,
Operable Unit 1-07B (WDP-RWMC-10-044)

Dear Mr. Faulk and Mr. Koch:

The purpose of this letter is to notify the Agencies that the Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office is not planning to submit a Remedial Action Report for in situ bioremediation (ISB) at Operable Unit 1-07B at Test Area North at this time. The requirement to submit the Remedial Action Report was stipulated in the *In Situ Bioremediation Final Inspection Report* (ICP/EXT-03-00116, Rev. 0 from January 2004) through the following statement:

Therefore, approximately seven years after the start of operations (October 31, 2010) the Agencies will evaluate the project progress to determine if ISB is performing as expected. If it can be determined that the facility has cut off the flux of VOCs to the medial zone, a Remedial Action Report will be written to declare the ISB operational and functional and recommend proceeding to long-term operations. [Report page 7]

Because the project has not successfully cut off the flux of VOCs to the medial zone, the Remedial Action Report cannot be completed at this time. Although flux has not been cut off to the medial zone, significant progress has been made, as evidenced by the past annual operations report. Additionally, the Agencies have agreed that there should be only one final Remedial Action Report for OU 1-07B in accordance with the Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order, rather than a Remedial Action Report for each component of the remedy. The submittal requirement for the final Operable Unit 1-07B Remedial Action Report will be negotiated with the Agencies and documented in the consolidated Remedial Action Work Plan for Operable Unit 1-07B, scheduled to be revised in the near future.

If you have further questions or need additional information, please contact Nicole Hernandez at (208) 526-8949 or hernannk@id.doe.gov.

Sincerely,



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