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Re: Comments on Proposed Plan for Idaho Chemical Processing Plant

Dear Mr. Lyle

I am submitting the following comment in regards to the proposed plan for the Idaho Chemical Processing Plant:

- Alternative 2B for the Snake River Plain Aquifer includes provisions for pumping groundwater from a low permeability layer. However pumping water from low permeability layers when those layers are surrounded by higher permeability layers is not feasible. Selection of Alternative 2B therefore gives the public the false impression that pumping is possible when it is not. DOE should instead select Alternative 2A and own up to the fact that the aquifer is not cleanable to pristine conditions. If you insist on selecting Alternative 2B, then you should explain why you believe that pumping is feasible.

Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely

Chris Coperfield
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