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SUBJECT: Transmittal of Two Technical Memoranda for the Waste Area Group (WAG) 2
Comprehensive Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS), Operable Unit
(OU) 2-13, at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory (INEL) -
(OPE-ER-246-94)

Dear Mr. Pierre and Mr. Nygard:

Enclosed are copies of two technical memoranda regarding the WAG 2 (Test Reactor Area) Comprehensive RI/FS. They are the Baseline Risk Assessment Strategy and the Screening Level Ecological Risk Assessment. They are both intended to facilitate reaching consensus among our agencies on the approach for assessing and presenting risk during the RI/FS. This consensus approach will then be incorporated into the RI/FS Work Plan which will be submitted in December. Many of the concepts in these documents have been discussed among the WAG Managers.

Please note that the Screening Level Ecological Risk Assessment is, as the title suggests, a screening level document. Therefore, it takes a very conservative approach to identifying potential data gaps and potential risks. It is anticipated that the data gaps identified can be filled without field data gathering. If the general approach taken in this document for ecological risk assessment is acceptable, further risk evaluation will be conducted to complete the ecological risk assessment for presentation in the Remedial Investigation Report.

Pierre, Nygard

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If you have questions please contact N.R. Jensen at (208) 526-0436.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerry E. Lyle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "L".

Jerry E. Lyle, Acting Deputy Assistant Manager
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Enclosure

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