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SUBJECT: Notification that a Secondary Document for the OU 3-14 Tank Farm Soils and Groundwater Project Will Not Be Submitted - (EM-ER-03-065)

Dear Mr. Pierre and Mr. Nygard:

This letter is to inform you of the current status of the Operable Unit (OU) 3-14 Tank Farm Soils and Groundwater project. DOE-ID will not submit the draft secondary document, *OU 3-14 Draft Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center (INTEC) Aquifer Summary Report* on March 26, 2003, as specified in the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study Work Plan (RI/FS Work Plan, DOE/ID-10676, Rev. 0, December 2000).

The RI/FS Work Plan states that DOE will perform data gathering activities and submit the draft *Aquifer Summary Report* on March 26, 2003. DOE is refocusing its efforts on those actions specified in the *Agreement to Resolve Dispute*, signed December 4, 2002. In the coming months, DOE will revise the RI/FS Work Plan data quality objectives (DQOs), identify data gaps, and evaluate the feasibility of accelerating the OU 3-14 Record of Decision (ROD) for the Tank Farm Soils. We will also separate out the non-Tank Farm Soils portions from OU 3-14 and prepare an Explanation of Significant Difference (ESD) to the OU 3-13 ROD. This ESD will address the groundwater and miscellaneous soil components of OU 3-14. These efforts will be completed by December 31, 2003, at which time we will establish a revised path forward and modify the OU 3-14 RI/FS scope and schedule.

DOE-ID has already begun discussions with you to establish the scope, data quality objectives, and path forward for OU 3-14.

If you have any questions or need to discuss this further, please contact Rachel Hall at (208) 526-1661 or me at (208) 526-4392.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathleen E. Hain".

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