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SUBJECT: Notification that the Draft Phase I Summary Report for the OU 3-14 Tank Farm Soils and Groundwater Project Will Not Be Submitted - (EM-ER-03-299)

- REFERENCE:**
1. Letter, Kathleen Hain to Wayne Pierre and Dean Nygard, "Notification that a Secondary Document for the OU 3-14 Tank Farm Soils and Groundwater Project Will Not Be Submitted," dated March 5, 2003 – (EM-ER-03-065)
 2. Agreement to Resolve Dispute Waste Area (for Group 3, Operable Unit 3-13) effective February 21, 2003

Dear Mr. Pierre and Mr. Nygard:

This letter is to inform you that the draft *Phase I Summary Report for the OU 3-14 Tank Farm Soils and Groundwater Project* will not be submitted as previously planned in the *OU 3-14 Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study Work Plan* (RI/FS Work Plan, DOE/ID-10676, Rev. 0, December 2000). Although the RI/FS Work Plan states that DOE will perform data gathering activities and submit this secondary document to you on December 8, 2003, the Agreement to Resolve Dispute (ARD, February 2003) has revised these plans and has superceded the need for this document.

As you know, the RI/FS Work Plan is currently being revised as stipulated in the ARD. DOE has worked collaboratively with you during the past several months to fulfill this task. DOE will transmit the revised RI/FS Work Plan, which will contain the revised 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 by December 31, 2003. The activities and associated milestones identified in Table 6-1 of the original RI/FS Work Plan will not be implemented since the revised RI/FS Work Plan will establish a revised path forward and modify the RI/FS scope and schedule.

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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,



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