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Mr. Edgar D. Bailey, Chairperson
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Dear Mr. Bailey:

I am writing this letter in response to your request for the state of Idaho to take corrective actions for protecting NRC pre-decisional information obtained through the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors (CRCPD). In your letter of April 11, 2005, you specifically asked me to implement corrective actions to ensure that a release of pre-decisional information will not occur again; and if I become aware of such a release in the future, I notify the appropriate Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff and the CRCPD office.

I recently reviewed the CRCPD's procedure of August 2002 for protecting pre-decisional information from public release. As the NRC Liaison for the state, I did not share the CRCPD's unique username and password for the NRC technical forum website. The inadvertent release of pre-decisional information that occurred on March 1, 2005, did not result from an unauthorized access to the secure website, but rather an unintentional release of a document to someone outside of our agency. I would also point out that the NRC released this document for public comment on April 20, 2005, only two weeks after the incident was reported.

As a corrective action, I have shared the CRCPD procedure with other staff members as a reminder of the handling requirements for NRC pre-decisional information. The CRCPD requirements are consistent with other "limited access" information that our office routinely handles. In the future if I suspect that NRC pre-decisional information has been released to the public from our office, I will make every attempt to notify the NRC and the CRCPD as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Division of INL Oversight and Radiation Control

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