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Dear Mr. Flanders:

This is in response to your letter dated January 10, 2006, referencing the "U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Request for Additional Information on the Draft Section 3116 Determination for Idaho Nuclear and Engineering Center Tank Farm Facility." The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has prepared responses to a significant number of requests for additional information (RAI's) contained in the referenced letter. Enclosure 1 contains a list of the responses that are forwarded with this letter. Enclosure 2 contains those specific responses for your use in completing the consultation process on the Draft Section 3116 Determination for Salt Waste Disposal at the Idaho Tank Farm Facility, transmitted to you on September 7, 2005. DOE will provide the remainder of responses to the RAIs in the near future.

My staff, as well as Idaho National Laboratory (INL) personnel are available to provide clarification or additional information on any of the RAI responses that you may need. If you have any further questions, please contact me at (202) 586-0755.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark A. Gilbertson", is written over a horizontal line.

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Enclosures (2)

cc: Kathleen Trever, State of Idaho

RAI Responses Included with DOE Letter to NRC, 3/13/06

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