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Mr. Scott C. Flanders, Director
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

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" submitted to Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) on September 7, 2005. On March 17, 2006, the Department of Energy (DOE) forwarded to you a significant number of responses to the NRC request for additional information (RAI's) in order to begin NRC's review of the responses as part of the consultation process. On April 26, 2006, DOE forwarded to you all but one of the remaining RAI responses. RAI #17 has now been completed for submittal and is enclosed with this letter.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark A. Gilbertson".

Mark A. Gilbertson
Deputy Assistant Secretary for
Engineering & Technology
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Enclosure:
RAI #17 Response

cc:
Kathleen Trever, State of Idaho

