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RE: EA for USDA, Beltsville, MD.

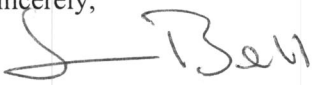
Gentlemen,

We wanted to confirm that US Ecology Idaho has discussed the USDA Beltsville, MD project with IDEQ RCRA Program Manager Mr. Brian Monson, our facility's direct regulator and the State of Idaho's point of contact for regulator matters. At this time US Ecology believes the Beltsville project meets our acceptance criteria. We look forward to receiving a copy of NRC's alternative disposal approval and exemption. In accordance with the Waste Acceptance Criteria for our site that was approved by IDEQ, we will then complete our own independent review, and, if the waste meets our criteria, submit a formal concurrence request to IDEQ that will include NRC's approval and our own safety evaluation.

We understand NRC has requested that IDEQ review and comment on a draft Environmental Assessment for this project. We have discussed this with Mr. Monson and he has confirmed that IDEQ will receive the NRC's draft, but it is unlikely the State will provide comments. Rather, IDEQ will wait for the formal request from USEI to take action, in accordance with the procedures approved by IDEQ in our Waste Acceptance Criteria, and past practice

Please call me at (208) 331-8400 with any questions, or Mr. Monson at (208) 373-0490

Sincerely,


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