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From: Suzi Pengilly [Suzi.Pengilly@ishs.idaho.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 29, 2012 1:58 PM
To: Brandt, Philip
Subject: RE: Archaeological Clearance U. S. Ecology Disposal Facility

Thank you for requesting our views. We believe that disposing additional radioactive waste in the existing cells at the U.S. Ecology facility will have no effect on historic properties.

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From: Brandt, Philip [mailto:Philip.Brandt@nrc.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 29, 2012 5:30 AM
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Suzi, thank you for your time yesterday to discuss if there has been any change in the archaeological status for the U. S. Ecology Hazardous Waste Site near Grand View, Idaho (Section 19, T4S, R2E) since your May 18, 2006 letter to Mr. Timothy Johnson, American GeoTechnics. As we discussed, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission is evaluating a request to dispose of radioactive waste at the U. S. Ecology facility. If the request is approved, the waste will be disposed of in cells that have been approved by the state under the facility's Resource Conservation and Recovery Act permit.

To summarize our discussion, in your letter you stated that all of Section 19 where the waste disposal facility is located had been surveyed for archaeological properties and none were identified that were considered to be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places and that expansion of the facility could proceed without further review. We also discussed the fact that Section 19 is now privately owned by U. S. Ecology and was obtained from the Bureau of Land Management in a property exchange after U. S. Ecology had obtained an archaeological clearance from them. In the letter you also requested that U. S. Ecology was to notify your office immediately if archaeological remains were discovered during any construction activities.

I would like to confirm that U. S. Ecology has not made any notification to your office post May 2006 and that no additional archaeological surveys are required relative to waste disposal in the permitted disposal cells. An email response is perfectly acceptable and a formal response letter is not required if the above is correct.

Thank you for assistance in this matter.

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