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Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2013 6:42 PM
To: Clements, John
Subject: RE: Cultural and Historical Resources related to the Westinghouse/Hematite Environmental Assessment

John,

The 2006 American Geotechnics document was developed in preparation of the addition of Cell 16 to the USEI site. The only activities at the USEI site that have occurred since the previous Westinghouse Hematite alternate disposal authorization is the construction of the first phase of Cell 16 itself, which began in March 2012 and completed in November 2012. Nothing else beyond the scope of what was authorized by the Idaho State Historical Society in their May 18, 2006 letter has been undertaken. Furthermore, nothing of cultural or historical significance was discovered during Cell 16 construction activities. The information provided in the Cell 16 Siting License Application document should still be applicable for the purposes of Cultural and Historical Resources at USEI.

I hope this meets your needs. Please feel free to contact me if you have any other questions.

Best regards,

-JJW

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From: Clements, John [<mailto:John.Clements@nrc.gov>]

Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2013 4:17 PM

To: Joe Weismann

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Mr. Weismann,

I am a Health Physicist with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and I am currently working on an Environmental Assessment (EA) related to Westinghouse's May 28, 2013, request for alternate disposal of wastes from the Hematite Decommissioning Project under 10 CFR 20.2002. In developing the EA, we must address several environmental and cultural issues. Particularly, under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, we must address whether or not any actions affect historic or culturally significant properties. In my review of previous EAs related to U.S. Ecology, it appears that U.S. Ecology has addressed historical and cultural resources in a June 28, 2006, report from American Geotechnics, titled "Hazardous Waste Facility Siting License Application Cell 16, Grand View, Idaho." I have attached the applicable portion (Appendix E) of that report for your review. The report, in its entirety, was provided to the NRC in support of previous Hematite alternate disposal requests – a copy of which can be found in the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System under accession number ML100320540.

The purpose of this email is to ascertain whether or not the Grand View, Idaho disposal cell footprint has changed since the development of the 2006 Hazardous Waste Facility Siting License Application report in order to determine whether or not the 2006 report still applies. If you could clarify that point, it would be appreciated. If there have been any site activities since the 2006 American Geotechnics report that may affect cultural or historical resources we would ask that you provide information related to those as well.

Thank You,
John Clements