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The Honorable Jennifer M. Granholm
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave. SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Granholm,

It has been brought to my attention that the Integrated Waste Treatment Unit (IWTU) at the Idaho National Laboratory recently treated an amount of liquid sodium bearing waste in satisfaction of Section 1 of the 2019 *Supplemental Agreement Concerning Conditional Waiver of Sections D.2e and K.1 of 1995 Settlement Agreement*. Congratulations to the workforce on meeting another important milestone in the Idaho Cleanup Project. I look forward to celebrating with you and your team when the IWTU completes processing of all 900,000 gallons of liquid waste.

Consistent with the 2019 Supplement Agreement, the Idaho National Laboratory (INL) is now authorized to receive 25 spent nuclear fuel (SNF) rods from Byron Nuclear Generating Station. INL's receipt of the research fuel will further the Department of Energy's promise to operate INL as the nation's lead laboratory for the research of SNF and will benefit Idaho's economy and labor market. No doubt, INL's research of this fuel will identify important solutions to the United States' energy challenges and advance our nation's energy independence and security.

This historic event is a prime example of the success of Governor Phil Batt's vision in negotiating the 1995 Settlement Agreement. The one-time waiver of the agreement's prohibitions will further protect the people of Idaho and ensure INL's continued success into the future. The United States is, of course, not relieved of its obligation to remove legacy nuclear waste from Idaho, nor does this one-time waiver indicate Idaho's willingness to allow nuclear waste to be stored in Idaho either permanently or on an interim basis inconsistent with the 1995 Settlement Agreement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brad Little".

Brad Little
Governor of Idaho