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Subject: Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis for General Decommissioning Activities

Mr. Provencher:

The presentation by the Department of Energy on the subject at the September 2006 CAB meeting was informative and timely for the CAB to respond during the public comment period established for the document. The presented information adequately answered our questions. Additionally, the question and answer period following the presentation helped the CAB to better understand the need for this approach, since many of the general low-level waste facilities must be removed before other adjacent high-level waste environmental cleanups can be performed. Finally, the CAB is pleased to note that this approach provides for a consistent record of these actions and will significantly reduce disposal of low-level waste in unlined trenches.

The CAB favors removal and disposal over the other two alternatives.

We wish to thank the Department of Energy for this timely and comprehensive information to the CAB for our review and comment and hope that we continue to work closely together in this fashion in the future.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William S. Flanery".

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