



Department of Energy

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Mr. Willie Preacher, Chair
Idaho Citizens Advisory Board
c/o North Wind Services
1425 Higham Street
Idaho Falls, Idaho 83402

Dear Mr. Preacher:

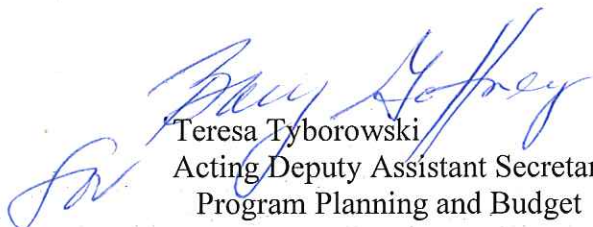
I am responding to your April 9, 2012, letter to David Huizenga providing a recommendation from the Idaho National Laboratory (INL) Site Environmental Management Citizens Advisory Board to increase the site's funding in fiscal years (FY) 2014-2016 at \$440 million.

Despite constrained economic times and funding, the INL Site has made significant progress toward the cleanup of contaminated areas, the disposition of both contact and remote handled transuranic waste, the transfer of spent (used) nuclear fuel from wet to dry storage, and the completion of the Sodium Bearing Waste facility that will permit the final four radioactive waste tanks to be closed. It is our hope that the site will continue to make significant progress toward cleanup.

We appreciate the benefits of your insights and hope that you will continue to share your concerns. During the FY 2014 budget formulation process, the Department of Energy (DOE) will balance funding priorities for its cleanup portfolio throughout the nation while maintaining the protection of workers and public health and safety as its highest priorities. Consequently, given all competing priorities, DOE will consider activities with the greatest risk-reduction benefit, regulatory compliance obligations, and DOE's Strategic Plan to maximize cleanup progress in a safe, cost-effective manner.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Ms. Connie Flohr, Director, Office of Budget, at (301) 903-7731.

Sincerely,


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Program Planning and Budget

