Department of Energy
Idaho Operations Office
1955 Fremont Avenue
Idaho Falls, ID 83415

January 26, 2016

Dear Citizen

SUBJECT: 2016 Annual National Environmental Policy Act Planning Summary (OS-ESD-16-003)

Dear Citizen:

Compliance with the letter and spirit of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), our national charter for protection and enhancement of the environment is a major priority of the Department of Energy (DOE). The NEPA process provides an opportunity to improve the quality of the Department's decisions through public involvement.

In accordance with DOE Order 451.1B, which delineates the Agency's internal requirements and responsibilities for implementing NEPA, the DOE Idaho Operations Office has prepared its Annual NEPA Planning Summary for 2016 which is enclosed for your information.

The Annual NEPA Planning Summary is provided to help improve the level of communication between the public and DOE. If you have any questions or comments concerning the summary or the actions it describes, please contact our NEPA Compliance Officer, Jack Depperschmidt, at (208) 526-5053.

Sincerely,

Richard B. Provencher
Manager

Enclosure

2016 Annual NEPA Planning Summary

Secretarial Officers and Heads of Field Organizations submit annual NEPA planning summaries that briefly describe the status of ongoing NEPA compliance activities including Environmental Assessments expected to be prepared in the next 12 months, Environmental Impact Statements expected to be prepared in the next 24 months, the planned cost and schedule for each NEPA review, and every 3 years each Field Organization must include an evaluation of whether a site-wide EIS would facilitate future NEPA compliance efforts.

Part 1

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NEPA REVIEWS:
- ○ No NEPA reviews are ongoing or planned.
- ◉ The ongoing and planned NEPA reviews are listed in Part 2 below.

SITE-WIDE:
- ◉ Preparation of a site-wide EIS was not considered at this time.
- ○ A site-wide EIS WOULD facilitate future NEPA compliance efforts.
- ○ A site-wide EIS WOULD NOT facilitate future NEPA compliance efforts.

PART 2

DOCUMENT NUMBER & TITLE
DOE/EIS-0203-SA-06 and DOE/EIS-0250F-S-1-SA-03 Supplement Analysis on One Proposed Shipment of Commercial Spent Nuclear Fuel to the Idaho National Laboratory for Research and Development

			DATE
TYPE:	SA	NOI/EAD:	03/2015
STATUS:	Ongoing	DRAFT:	
COST:	$ 100,000	FINAL:	

DESCRIPTION / COMMENT
The proposed action consists of shipping 25 commercial spent nuclear fuel (SNF) rods to the Idaho National Laboratory from the Byron Nuclear Power Station in Illinois for research purposes. No commercial SNF shipments to the INL Site are currently planned. DOE will continue to work with the state of Idaho to pursue the opportunity to bring the Byron SNF to the INL Site.

DOCUMENT NUMBER & TITLE
Environmental Assessment on the Sample Preparation Laboratory

			DATE
TYPE:	EA	NOI/EAD:	09/2014
STATUS:	Proposed	DRAFT:	
COST:	$ 600,000	FINAL:	

DESCRIPTION / COMMENT
The purpose of the Sample Preparation Laboratory project would include a shielded cell(s) to support sample preparation of non-alpha bearing materials with the ability to receive small and medium-sized casks, as well as sort, size, polish, mount and conduct initial analysis of material specimens using advanced instrumentation.

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Part 3

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