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Subject:  Recommendation #138, Support of Processing Offsite Transuranic Waste at the INL Site

Mr. Provencher:

The attachment provides CAB recommendation to the Department of Energy in support of processing offsite transuranic waste at the INL site.

Regards,

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Support of Processing Offsite Transuranic Waste at the INL Site

The Idaho National Laboratory (INL) Site Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) strongly supports the Department of Energy’s (DOE) decision in the Supplement Analysis to the Record of Decision (DOE/EIS-200-SA03, February 2008) to accept transuranic waste to be treated at the Idaho site (including the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project [AMWTP] and Idaho Cleanup Project) provided it:

- Meets INL waste acceptance criteria.
- Adheres to the Idaho Settlement Agreement (State of Idaho, October 1995) and the Site Treatment Plan (INEEL-STP, Rev. 28, January 2007), including requirements regarding shipments in to and out of Idaho.
- Does not disrupt the removal of Idaho waste according to established milestones.
- Does not negatively impact the INL site budget, and includes payment by the generator for any processing of contact handled transuranic waste at AMWTP beyond existing capacity and full cost recovery for remote handled transuranic waste processed by the Idaho Cleanup Project.
- Continues to meet or exceed the safety standards of the Department of Transportation and Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

We believe it can be done safely and effectively. This will take advantage of and utilize the INL site capability, which is a national asset and has an experienced workforce with an exceptional track record, while meeting the mission of Environmental Management throughout the DOE complex.