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SUBJECT: Submittal of the Final Explanation of Significant Differences for the Final Record of Decision for the Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center, Operable Unit 3-13 – (EM-ER-04-022)

Dear Mr. Ceto and Mr. Koch:

Enclosed you will find copies of the final *Explanation of Significant Differences for the Final Record of Decision for the Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center, Operable Unit 3-13* (DOE/ID-11109) and three copies of each of the Agency signature pages. This *Explanation of Significant Differences* incorporates resolutions of comments received from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on January 16, 2004. Three copies of the comment resolution table are also included.

As was discussed between the Agencies during the Waste Area Group (WAG) 3 conference call on January 22, 2004, one unbound copy of the final *Explanation of Significant Differences*, three copies of the respective signature pages for each Agency, and a copy of the comment resolution table are to be transmitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 10, and the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ). Each Agency will sign three original signature sheets and send one copy to the other two Agencies. This avoids the time-consuming process of routing one original copy of the *Explanation of Significant Differences* for each Agency's signature. Upon NE-ID receiving signature sheets from all three Agencies, bound copies of the final and signed *Explanation of Significant Differences* can be made for distribution.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Rachel Hall at (208) 526-1661.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathleen E. Hain".

Kathleen E. Hain, Project Manager
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Enclosure

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RECORD NOTES:

1. This transmits the Final Explanation of Significant Differences for the Final Record of Decision for the Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center, Operable Unit 3-13 to the State and EPA.
2. R. Hall prepared this letter for K. Hain's signature.
3. This letter/memo closes CATS number N/A.
4. The attached correspondence has no relation to the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program. Naval Reactors concurrence is not required.