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Mr. Brian Monson, Manager  
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**SUBJECT: Sludge Removal from the CPP-603 Basins (TS-ETSD-04-113)**

Dear Mr. Monson:

To address your concern as we discussed on June 2, 2004, DOE will remove the sludge from the CPP-603 Basins. The removal will occur while the Basins are operating. The sludge will be treated to RCRA Land Disposal Restriction standards. The overall Basin decommissioning activity, including the disposition of the sludge, will be covered under the CERCLA Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis documentation.

Several actions must take place before sludge removal can begin. First, the Documented Safety Analysis must be updated to ensure the safety of workers performing all actions within the Basins, and the CERCLA Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis document must proceed through the public review process. We expect to have these actions to be completed and ready to start removal of the sludge in November 2004. Should any delays to this start date occur, we will notify you.

If you have any questions or concerns about this letter or the actions necessary to be completed prior to removing sludge, please call Donald Rasch at (208) 526-1511.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "E. A. Green".

E. A. Green, Assistant Deputy Manager  
Idaho Cleanup Project

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