



## Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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Mr. R.D. Maynard, Chair  
Idaho Citizens Advisory Board  
c/o North Wind Services  
1425 Higham Street  
Idaho Falls, Idaho 83402

Dear Mr. Maynard:

Thank you for your February 18, 2011, letter providing a recommendation from the Idaho National Laboratory Site Environmental Management Citizens Advisory Board to increase the site's funding in the fiscal year (FY) 2012 Environmental Management (EM) budget from \$392 million to \$460 million, for a total increase of \$68 million.

Despite constrained economic times, we believe the FY 2012 President's budget request for Idaho, when coupled with the \$467.9M in Recovery Act funding, will enable accomplishment of critical activities at the site. Specifically, the FY 2012 budget will support hot startup in January 2012 of the Sodium Bearing Waste treatment facility. The request will also support requirements of the Idaho Settlement Agreement to dispose of low-level waste and mixed low-level waste, as well as characterization and certification of transuranic waste for shipment to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant. Finally, while not included in Idaho's specific budget request, research and development funding will be utilized in FY 2012 to support maturation of the Hot Isostatic Press Technology to address calcine waste.

We appreciate the benefit of your insights and hope that you will continue to share your concerns. With regard to budget requests from FY 2013 and beyond, we will take your recommendations and Idaho's positive track record into account as we move forward through the budget formulation process.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Melissa A. Nielson, Director, Office of Public and Intergovernmental Accountability, at (202) 586-0356 or Ms. Catherine Alexander Brennan, EM Site-Specific Advisory Board Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 586-7711.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Frank Marcinowski".

Frank Marcinowski  
Acting Chief Business Officer for  
Environmental Management

