



**Department of Energy**  
Washington, DC 20585

April 19, 2018

Mr. Keith Branter, Chair  
Idaho Cleanup Project  
Citizens Advisory Board  
1425 Higham Street  
Idaho Falls, Idaho 83402

Dear Mr. Branter:

Thank you for your March 28, 2018, email requesting that the Department of Energy (DOE) provide its business case analysis of a potential future mission for the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project (AMWTP) located at the Idaho National Laboratory (INL). As you note, the AMWTP's experienced workforce and specialized facilities are assets that potentially could be used to process waste from other sites across the DOE enterprise after the facility completes its current mission in December 2018.

The DOE presentation and associated discussions at the February 21, 2018, meeting of the Idaho Cleanup Project Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) provided an overview of the waste inventories under consideration and the associated challenges that would need to be addressed (e.g., 1995 Idaho Settlement Agreement, packaging and transportation, and funding). DOE is in the process of completing the business case analysis that examines these aspects in greater depth. While we are focused on completing the business analysis as soon as possible, the analysis has not been completed.

We look forward to further coordination and sharing information with the CAB and other stakeholders on this important issue. The AMWTP has been a tremendous success because of the skilled contractor and federal workforce at the INL, and the support of the CAB, tribal, state, and local officials, and other stakeholders.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. John P. Zimmerman, Deputy Manager, Idaho Cleanup Project, at (208) 526-3811.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark A. Gilbertson".

Mark A. Gilbertson  
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Secretary for Regulatory and Policy Affairs

