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Ms. Kathleen E. Trever
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Coordinator for INEEL Oversight
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Dear Ms. Trever:

Thank you for your INEEL Oversight update.

Yes, representatives of Argonne West have spoken to me about their need for a narrow waiver under our 1995 settlement, one that would permit a very few commercial spent fuel rods to come into Idaho for analysis. If we are truly going to become a laboratory, not just a repository for nuclear waste, these opportunities have to be considered.

Agreement by the state to permit this activity should, in my opinion, be combined with an agreement stating what the analytical work will be and when it will take place, accompanied by a date certain by which the material will leave Idaho. As I understand it, this shipment is not intended to be a "storage" situation but an effort to bring more laboratory activity to the site.

Please continue to keep me advised on your oversight matters.

Sincerely,

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cc: Governor Phil Batt
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