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SUBJECT: Annual Fee Payments for Nuclear Regulatory Commission License No. SNM-2512
Idaho Spent Fuel Facility Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation
(EM-FMDP-15-029)

Dear Ms. Wylie:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) hereby notifies the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) that, pursuant to the recent modifications to 10 CFR § 171.15(a), DOE will cease paying the annual licensing fee on SNM-2512 for the Idaho Spent Fuel Facility Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI) until such time as DOE notifies NRC of its "Readiness to Begin Operation" at that installation pursuant to 10 CFR § 72.80(g).

The NRC approved the transfer of this license to the DOE on September 9, 2009 per 10 CFR § 72.50. DOE has paid the total fee of \$1,289,000 to the NRC since transfer of the license. DOE paid \$224,000 and \$112,000 in 2014 and 2015, respectively.

On June 30, 2014, NRC announced in the Federal Register modifications to the annual fee regulations located at 10 CFR § 171.15(a) which became effective January 1, 2015. Under the modified regulations, only licensees who have notified NRC of their "readiness to begin operation" and who hold a Part 72 license, but not a Part 50 or Part 52 license, must pay the annual fee.

Although SNM-2512 is a Part 72 license, DOE has not notified the NRC of its readiness to begin operation as required under 10 CFR § 72.80(g), nor is DOE ready to begin operation as defined under the regulations. Because DOE has not provided a readiness to operate notification to NRC, it is not required to pay the annual fee. DOE requests reimbursements of license fees of \$112,000 paid to date for the 2015 license on SNM-2512.

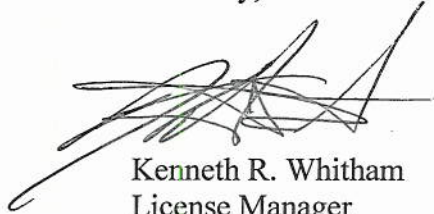
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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at (208) 526-4151 or whithakr@id.doe.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Whitham', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Kenneth R. Whitham
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