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Bill Dameworth
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RE: Avery Landing Oil Contamination

Dear Mr. Dameworth:

In our letter dated March 16, 1988, you were asked to respond within three weeks. You were asked to provide additional detail, a site plan and planned locations for the trenches to assess the extent of oil contamination along the St. Joe River near Avery. As of this date, April 28, 1988, no information has been provided. This matter was discussed with Paul Hart on March 20, 1988.

According to the Idaho Water Quality Standards (1985), deleterious materials (including petroleum) must not accumulate adjacent to, or in the immediate vicinity of, state waters (which include underground waters) (Section 1-2800). Additionally, in the case of an unauthorized release of petroleum products to state waters, the responsible persons in charge must 1) stop continuing spills, 2) contain material, 3) notify our department, and 4) collect, remove and dispose of the material in a manner approved by the department (Section 1-2850).

A portion of the action called for in Section 1-2850 is assessment of the extent of contamination. Please respond, before May 6, 1988, by providing the information stated in the first paragraph above.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Cordially,

Stephen A. Breithaupt

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