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Dear Mr. Barrett:

**CONTRACT NO. DE-AC27-01RV14136 – PROPOSED AUTHORIZATION BASIS
CHANGE TO THE INTEGRATED SAFETY MANAGEMENT PLAN, REVISION 5E**

Reference: CCN 017863, Letter, A. R. Veirup, BNI, M. K. Barrett, DOE ORP, "Revisions of Authorization Basis Documents and Associated Authorization Basis Change Notices for Transition of Authorization Basis Responsibilities from CH2MHill Hanford Group, Inc. to Bechtel National, Inc." dated February 8, 2001

The purpose of this letter is to retract a sentence in a proposed revision to the River Protection Project-Waste Treatment Plant (RPP-WTP) Integrated Safety Management Plan (ISMP) that was provided in the transmittal letter referenced above.

This specific proposed change to the ISMP was the addition of the following clarification sentence to the second paragraph of ISMP section 3.16.1.2: "Differences of opinion involving PSC review shall be brought to the attention of the appropriate management and if not resolved shall be elevated progressively to successively higher levels of management until the dispute is resolved."

This proposed change was intended to define the Project Safety Committee (PSC) dispute resolution process, consistent with the dispute resolution approach taken in Section 1.3.4 of the Quality Assurance Program (QAP) document. It was assessed that this particular proposed ISMP change was not a change in programs, plans, processes, or other commitments. Following discussions with the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Safety Regulation (DOE) (OSR) review team assessing proposed changes to the ISMP, the Project has decided to retract this proposed change as it is beyond the minimal organizational changes intended for this ISMP revision.

Therefore, this retracted ISMP Section 3.16.1.2 proposed change would not be included in the new ISMP Revision 6. The anticipated next step is OSR preparation of their Safety Evaluation Report (SER) or Important to Safety (ITS) authorization letter to accept the proposed changes to the ISMP, with the exception of the retracted sentence. Upon receipt of the OSR's SER (or ITS

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authorization letter), Bechtel National, Inc. will issue the ISMP Revision 6 without this sentence and subsequently update the associated ABCN-W375-00-00055, per project procedure.

If you have any questions on this approach, please contact Mr. Fred Beranek at (509) 371-4869.

Yours sincerely,



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