



Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

March 9, 2007

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Feinstein:

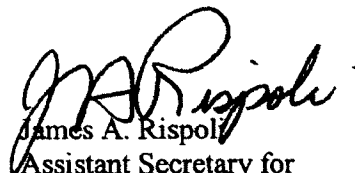
Thank you for your February 23, 2007, letter requesting an extension to the public comment period for the Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) developed for cleaning up radioactive contamination at Building 4024, the former Systems for Nuclear Auxiliary Power Environmental Test Facility at the former Energy Technology Engineering Center (ETEC).

In response to multiple requests, the Department has extended the public comment and review period from February 28 to April 9, 2007, to facilitate a greater opportunity for involvement and input. Specific actions taken by the Department include submitting a press release to local newspapers on February 27, 2007; notification to the Congressional delegation of the document availability and extension; posting of the press release on the ETEC website; and email or regular mail transmittal of the press release to the initial public meeting attendees, who provided either email or postal mail addresses, announcing the extension of the review/comment period to April 9, 2007.

Your letter also expressed concern over the availability of the subject document in an electronic format. An electronic version of the subject document was first made available on the website on February 7, 2007, consistent with the timing of postcard mailers to approximately 4500 known interested parties. In addition, the EE/CA and associated Administrative Record file is available at three local repositories. The Department will continue to enhance its ETEC website with information as it becomes available.

If you have any further questions, please call Mr. Dirk Bartlett, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, at (202) 586-5450.

Sincerely,


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