



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

March 12, 2007

The Honorable Elton Gallegly
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-0524

Dear Congressman Gallegly:

Thank you for your February 22, 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.

The Department is continuing to enhance its ETEC website with information as it becomes available to make the public process as transparent as possible. If you have any further questions, I can be reached at (818) 466-8959.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas Johnson, Jr.".

Thomas Johnson, Jr.
ETEC Project Manager

