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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Corrective Action Plan Deliverable: Office of Inspector General Final Hotline Report # 09-P-0162, Contaminated Soil Waste Repository at East Mission Flats, Idaho

FROM: Lori Cohen, Acting Director 
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This letter is in follow-up to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 10's correspondence to the EPA Office of Inspector General (OIG) dated August 11, and September 24, 2009, in which Region 10 and the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) committed to complete a revised, enhanced monitoring plan for the East Mission Flats repository by November 30, 2009. By this letter, EPA Region 10 and IDEQ are transmitting the final Enhanced Monitoring Plan (EMP) for the East Mission Flats repository. As noted in EPA Region 10's previous correspondence, Bernie Zavala was an integral team member in development of the EMP.

In accordance with Region 10's corrective action plan, the EMP was made available for a thirty (30) day public comment period from October 13 to November 12, 2009. In addition, IDEQ and EPA hosted a public open house on October 29, 2009 at Canyon School, which is near the East Mission Flats repository, to answer any questions and provide clarifications on the OIG corrective action plan and the EMP. EPA and IDEQ mailed postcards and sent email reminders about the EMP public comment period and public open house. EPA and IDEQ also invited the Silver Valley Community Resource Center (SVCRC) and other organizations to set up a table at the open house and share their perspective with attendees. SVCRC accepted the invitation and staffed a table at the open house. Approximately twenty (20) local residents attended and discussed the EMP and repository issues with project managers from EPA and IDEQ. No comments were received on the EMP during the public comment period.

We believe that submittal of the final EMP fulfills EPA Region 10's final corrective action plan. With your acceptance, we will consider this review closed. Please feel free to contact Bob Phillips if you have any questions regarding this letter.

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