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The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to Rules X and XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations are requesting the following documents related to the Department's A-76 competitive sourcing evaluation for the Radiological and Environmental Sciences Laboratory (RESL) located in Idaho Falls, Idaho:

- 1) Competitive Sourcing Feasibility Review for the RESL, May 17, 2006; and
- 2) Market Research Analysis Related to RESL (Second Round), March 15, 2007.

The Committee is evaluating whether the reference laboratory functions carried out by RESL are inherently governmental, or, if not inherently governmental, should nonetheless be performed by the Government. We are also evaluating whether there are qualified firms who would not have any potential conflicts of interest in running this reference radio chemical lab.

We understand the office of Nuclear Energy currently operates RESL in support of activities carried out, in part, by the Office of Health Safety and Security.

Please arrange for the production of these documents by no later than the close of business, Tuesday, April 10, 2007. If you have any questions, please have your staff contact Richard Miller with the Committee on Energy and Commerce staff at (202) 226-2424.

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Sincerely,



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