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The Honorable Larry E. Craig
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510-1203

Dear Senator Craig:

Thank you for your request to hold a public information session in Boise, Idaho, on the proposed DIVINE STRAKE experiment. I agree to your suggested date of Sunday, January 28, 2007.

Consistent with previous public information sessions held in Nevada and Utah, the Idaho event will be scheduled for 2 ½ hours, and we are planning to hold it from 12:00 to 2:30 PM, per your request. During that time, representatives of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) and the National Nuclear Security Agency/Nevada Site Office (NNSA/NSO) will be available to answer questions related to the proposed experiment and the draft revised environmental assessment. This format is commonly used to provide the public the opportunity to ask questions in an informal setting. It gives citizens a chance to focus on specific areas of individual interest or concern on a one-on-one basis with subject matter experts. Additionally, this format encourages small group dialogue that often facilitates a better understanding of complex scientific and technical issues.

The public may submit comments orally through a court-reporter or in writing during the public information session. Additionally, comments may be submitted by e-mail, regular post or fax not later than February 7, 2007. This date provides for a two-week extension from the original January 24, 2007, closure date for public comments.

We look forward to talking with Idaho residents about the proposed DIVINE STRAKE experiment and the draft revised environmental assessment. I also appreciate the efforts of your staff to facilitate our planning for this session. If you have any additional questions, please contact me or Jeff Subko of my staff at (703) 767-4941 or jeff.subko@dtra.mil.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Tegnalia", written over a printed name and title.

James A. Tegnalia
Director

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