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To whom it may concern,
We are full time residents of Jackson Hole, Wyoming, and would like to register our complete opposition to the proposed nuclear waste incinerator planned for INEEL. Here are several of our reasons for opposing the project:

13-1 XI(5) [- We believe geological evidence supports the fact that prevailing winds will bring airborne waste from INEEL to Jackson Hole (see testimony of most recent meeting in Jackson held at the JH Middle School, and transcribed by a court reporter)]

13-2 XI(5) [- The incinerator's design is not proven, and is totally theoretical; the DOE is suppose to protect the citizens of the United States, not ram unproven technology and nuclear wastes down our throats.]

13-3 XI(6) 13-4 IX.D(1) 13-5 IX.D(1) [- The BNFL has a seriously flawed track record; they are not qualified to run an operation of this sensitive a nature. You cannot ignore their being found guilty of falsifying records concerning shipments of nuclear fuels in Japan. If they are willing to do that, what else are they willing to do? Neither does INEEL appear capable of handling this kind of project; what about the 30 emission control system breakdowns at INEEL between 1990 and 1999? And what about the 700 boxes of records that the Center for Disease control requested of INEEL during the 1990's on the subject of radiation received by people downwind from INEEL... oh they were destroyed!]

13-6 XI(5) [- We know that "failsafe" designs do fail, which will mean the raw incinerated waste will be sent out the stack. This cannot be the right technology for handling this waste.]

13-7 XI(5) [- Because of "deadlines" (a very appropriate term), the DOE and Idaho DEQ are pushing this project forward with no regard for alternative, safer technologies. The very first thing the DOE needs to do is extend the deadline for evaluating this project and the nuclear wastes.]

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13-8 XI(5) [- Finally, also because of "deadlines", the DOE and the Idaho DEQ and have assiduously avoided the normal process of getting input from Wyoming residents until the project was well on it was. What happened to environmental impact statements, notification, meetings to inform the public early on in the planning of the incinerator? It is as if the DOE is trying to pull a fast one, and circumvent normal procedures in order to get this project underway. And when the Idaho DEQ finally did take the time to get input on the project from Wyoming residents, they dismissed the comments as "not relevant because they don't speak to the technicalities of the draft permit". What a sham. If there had been meetings early on in the process, maybe you and they would have listened then. Haven't you, in effect, robbed the people of Wyoming of our due process?]

In short, we are totally opposed to the incinerator project, and cannot believe that the DOE has gotten away with the poor handling of this project thus far. Rest assured that we and our neighbors will fight you every step of the way.

Regards,

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