

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

August 5, 2010

Mr. Dennis McLerran  
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Dear Administrator McLerran,

Thank you for your attention and willingness to work with the Idaho delegation on the Proposed ROD Amendment for Clean Up of the Upper Coeur d'Alene Basin. We will be offering our official comments on August 9, 2010.

As we understand it, the proposal has taken more than a year to develop and is highly complex. While many individuals and groups have had an opportunity to participate in the development of the ROD Amendment, many more have not. For those who have not had this opportunity, the potential costs and the long term effects require more time and analysis to understand. And while the cleanup efforts will be focused in the Silver Valley, the impacts will be felt throughout the basin. The current comment period ending August 25 does not provide adequate time for the constituents to conduct thorough analysis and provide public comments.

As a result, we are requesting a ninety (90) day extension to the comment period. In the interest of inclusion rather than exclusion, the EPA has a long history of granting extended public comments periods on matters of the Coeur d'Alene Basin. This situation requires the same, if not more, consideration of public input.

We appreciate your response to this very important matter as soon as possible. Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to working with you on the many other important EPA matters in Idaho.

Very Truly Yours,



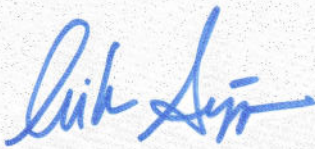
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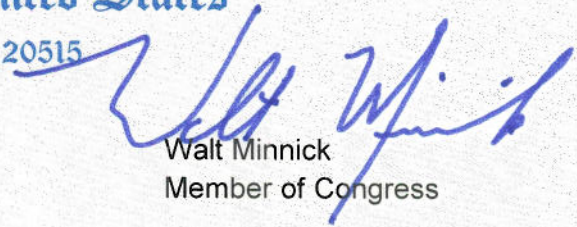
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