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Ms. Maria Levesque
Department of Energy
Departmental Records Officer
1000 Independence Avenue
Washington, DC 20585-1290

Dear Ms. Levesque:

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) received your email and attached letter dated December 22, 2020, detailing the Department of Energy's (DOE) discovery of the unauthorized disposition of 11 pages of environmental records. In July 2015, the records were deleted from the Idaho Operation Office's electronic document management system. The deletion occurred earlier than authorized by NARA disposition authority, N1-343-00-7, Item 1b.(4a.). NARA understands that while the records' metadata exists, the records' content is unrecoverable. DOE has implemented safeguards to mitigate the risk of future accidental deletion of records.

The report that you provided to NARA included the information required by 36 CFR 1230.14(a) and fully documents the records, the circumstances of the loss, safeguards established to prevent further loss, and details of actions taken to salvage, retrieve, or reconstruct the records. Based on the information that you provided, the reporting requirements of 36 CFR 1230.14(a) have been met and NARA considers this matter closed. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

LAURENCE BREWER
Chief Records Officer
for the U.S. Government