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The Honorable Mike Young
Secretary of Agriculture
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, DC 20250

Patrick Darrow
U.S. Department of Agriculture
238 East Dillon Street
Pocatello, Idaho 83201

RE: USDA APHIS WS POCATELLO SUPPLY DEPOT

Dear Mr. Secretary and Mr. Darrow:

As the Mayor of the City of Pocatello, and on behalf of the citizens of Pocatello, I hereby request that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) cease the storage and manufacturing of M-44 "cyanide bombs" in the city of Pocatello, Idaho.

The basis of this request is the continued well-being of the citizens of Pocatello. Recent events have proven the harm and lethality of the cyanide bombs. The injuries sustained by a 14-year old boy, and the death of a beloved family dog, only highlight the inherent dangers of cyanide bombs. On March 17, 2017, the *U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services*, (USDA APHIS WS) stated "[t]he unintentional lethal take of a dog is a rare occurrence." I believe one such occurrence is one too many.

The continued manufacturing and storage of cyanide bombs in Pocatello places the citizens of Pocatello at unnecessary risk. Although there may be a need for cyanide bombs, the inherent risks to our community greatly outweigh those needs. The storage and manufacturing of cyanide bombs within the corporate limits of Pocatello present a clear and present danger to its citizen. Please advise what the time line is for ceasing the manufacturing and storage of cyanide bombs in Pocatello.

Sincerely,

Brian C. Blad
Mayor

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cc: Pocatello City Council
U.S. Senator Mike Crapo
U.S. Senator Jim Risch
U.S. Congressman Mike Simpson
Idaho Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter

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