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Ms. J. A. Hedges, Program Manager  
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Dear Ms. Hedges:

DEVELOPMENT OF THE REVISED NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA) INTERIM ACTION ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) FOR THE CLOSURE OF THE NON-RADIOACTIVE DANGEROUS WASTE LANDFILL (NRDWL) AND THE SOLID WASTE LANDFILL (SWL), CENTRAL PLATEAU, HANFORD SITE, RICHLAND, WASHINGTON (DOE/EA-1707)

In May 2010, the first Draft Environmental Assessment (DOE/EA-1707D) for closure of the Non-Radioactive Dangerous Waste Landfill (NRDWL) and Solid Waste Landfill (SWL) was published for public comment from May 13, 2010, through July 15, 2010. Based on comments received from the May 2010 Draft EA, the U.S. Department of Energy Richland Operations Office (RL) has decided to revise the Draft EA and reissue it for public comment. The EA analyzes the environmental consequences of proposed closure activities for the NRDWL and SWL which are both Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) facilities. Proposed closure activities will focus on final engineered barrier installation.

RL is inviting the State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) to participate in the development of the revised Draft EA as a cooperating agency, consistent with the Council of Environmental Quality's Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA, 40 CFR 1501.6. RL looks forward to your cooperation, involvement, and staff assistance to ensure this EA satisfies Ecology's State Environmental Policy Act requirements.

Please advise by return mail, your acceptance to this invitation and identify your point-of-contact for this cooperative partnership.

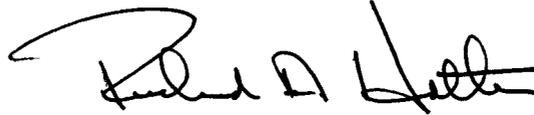
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If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Woody Russell, Hanford NEPA Compliance Officer, on (509) 373-5227.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard A. Holten". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "H".

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for the Central Plateau

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