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Dear Ms. Gregoire and Mr. Russell:

## HANFORD ENVIRONMENTAL SELF-ASSESSMENT REPORT

Enclosed is a Hanford self-assessment report of facility environmental status. Submittal of the report, in part, fulfills milestone M-21-00 of the proposed action plan for implementation of the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order. This report reflects the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (DOE-RL) and Westinghouse Hanford Company (WHC) self-initiated program to assess and comply with the letter and spirit of applicable environmental regulations at the Hanford Site.

This report presents the results of an internal and ongoing assessment of Hanford facility compliance with environmental regulations. In some areas, it calls out areas of potential deficiencies with regulations. Many of these areas are procedural and simply require a change in the manner of conducting operations to ensure compliance. Some areas represent potential changes that are more difficult to make and may require extensive planning, budgeting and operational changes. In all cases, DOE-RL and WHC are committed to implement the appropriate changes and conduct operations in compliance with all applicable environmental regulations.

Findings represent conditions and conclusions derived on the date of the self-assessment as indicated in each report. The WHC, with DOE-RL concurrence, has moved expeditiously to correct problems as they were identified during the assessment and will continue to do so in the future. The changing status of compliance activities is tracked by a computer commitment control system dedicated to this purpose.

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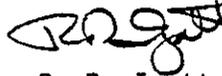
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This self-assessment is viewed by DOE-RL and WHC as healthy, productive, and supportive of DOE-RL and WHC commitment to environmental compliance. We believe that providing this assessment to you will strengthen our relationship and should be looked upon as a positive commitment from Hanford.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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