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Mr. J. R. Wilkinson
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Dear Mr. Wilkinson:

RESPONSE TO LETTER CONCERNING THE DRAFT NORTH SLOPE REVEGETATION PLAN

This is in response to your letter dated December 16, 1995, which outlines concerns raised regarding the North Slope Revegetation Plan. Your letter referenced a meeting held on November 22, 1994 in order to have input from the Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council (NRTC). It became apparent at this meeting that further discussion and consultation was needed in order to reach a consensus on various revegetation issues.

Since that time numerous meetings have taken place between NRTC representatives, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), and the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL). Many of the issues regarding the draft revegetation plan have been discussed and we feel that a viable, ecologically sound plan can be developed. Currently, we are working on generating the plan that has been developed with input from the NRTC. A copy will be sent to your office as soon as the plan becomes available.

If you have any questions please contact Mr. Glenn Goldberg, of my staff on (509) 376-9552.

Sincerely,

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Plateau Remediation Division

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