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Dear Ms. *Donna* Powauke:

REQUEST TO MAKE A PRESENTATION TO THE SITE MANAGEMENT BOARD REGARDING THE COLUMBIA RIVER COMPREHENSIVE IMPACT ASSESSMENT (CRCIA)

In response to your letter of February 21, 1997, the requested briefing to the Site Management Board on the CRCIA has been scheduled for March 17, 1997, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in Room 780 of the Federal Building. In attendance for the briefing will be the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL), Deputy Manager, Lloyd Piper, the RL Assistant Managers, RL Direct Reports, and me. Bob Stewart, RL Project Manager of the CRCIA, has been in contact with Paul Danielson, the CRCIA representative for the Nez Perce Tribe (NPT), regarding details for the briefing.

My office is aware that a great deal of effort has been expended by the CRCIA Team members, including representatives from the NPT and other Stakeholder/Tribal groups, and looks forward to the briefing. Please communicate the acceptability of the cited time and date to Mr. Stewart and identify the NPT attendees so that we can ensure appropriate accommodations.

Please contact me or Mr. Stewart, on (509) 376-6192, if you have any questions about this letter or our arrangements for the CRCIA briefing.

Sincerely,

John D. Wagoner
Manager

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Subject: Columbia River Comprehensive Impact Assessment (CRCIA) Request for
Presentation to Site Management Board (SMB)

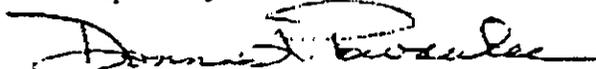
Dear Mr. Wagoner,

The Nez Perce Tribe Department of Environmental Restoration and Waste Management (ERWM), through the CRCIA team, would like to formally request the opportunity to provide CRCIA budget input, in a team presentation, before the SMB. As you may recall, the CRCIA effort was chosen by ERWM, through communication with then Assistant Secretary Grumbly, as one of the avenues for major Tribal consultation. Through the CRCIA presentation to the SMB, ERWM will be requesting funding, to the level necessary to continue the CRCIA process, as proposed by the group.

It is very important to ERWM that your support of the CRCIA, and that of the SMB, be based on the most accurate information possible. We hope you will consider this presentation an opportunity to get first hand information on the workings of the CRCIA. This may also be an opportunity to hear from each of the Tribes and stakeholders involved in the process. Please consider the proposed meeting as an opportunity to directly influence our effort. The process is already influencing other programs on the site; in the long term we foresee reductions in the level of effort necessary to complete those programs through the CRCIA.

We appreciate your participation in the CRCIA process and are confident that you will see the value of meeting with the team as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,


Donna Powauke
Manager ERWM

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