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Dear Mr. Jim:

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCREENING ASSESSMENT AND REQUIREMENTS FOR A COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT: COLUMBIA RIVER COMPREHENSIVE IMPACT ASSESSMENT (CRCIA) DOCUMENT, DOE/RL-96-16, REVISION 0, UC-630, MAY 1997

The U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL), is pleased to provide the subject document for your review.

This document consists of two parts. Part I is the screening assessment of risk from Hanford-derived contaminants to the river and its users. The basis for Part I is the four previous reports on contaminants, human scenarios, species and data used in the subject document. Part II consists of the requirements for a comprehensive assessment and was written by the Tribal and stakeholder representatives on the CRCIA Team. These requirements define what would be acceptable to the CRCIA Team's participants as a comprehensive assessment for work done in the next phase of the CRCIA. The CRCIA Team would appreciate your comments, including your views of how a more comprehensive assessment should be accomplished. All comments will be addressed in the final revision of this document, expected to be released on September 30, 1997.

Supporting information relative to the respective sections and appendixes in Part I has been published on diskettes, which have been issued with limited distribution. The information on the diskettes is available on the Internet at <http://www.hanford.gov/crcia/crcia.htm> (as well as the entire document) or you can request a copy of the diskettes from Ms. Sandra D. Cannon at (509) 372-6210.

Please provide written comments to me by June 17, 1997, at the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office, P.O. Box 550, MSIN H0-12, Richland, Washington, 99352-0539. If you have any questions, I can be reached at (509) 376-6192.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

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