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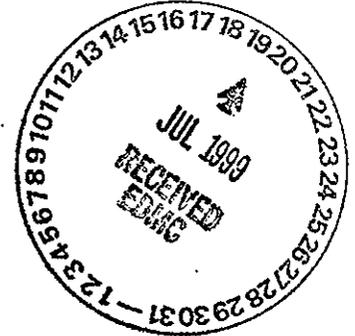
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Dear Messrs. Sherwood and Skinnarland:

200 AREAS REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION/ FEASIBILITY STUDY IMPLEMENTATION
PLAN – ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION PROGRAM, DOE/RL-98-28, REV. 0

Attached are six copies of the subject document for your information. Four copies are provided for the State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology), and two copies are for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Comments received from the public review of Draft B have been dispositioned and incorporated, where appropriate. A copy of the final comment dispositions was provided on April 2, 1999. Examples of changes made to Draft B, as a result of the public review, include the following:

- The text in Section 1 and 7 relating to the integration of the 200 Remedial Action Project with the Groundwater/Vadose Zone Integration Project was revised to reflect the organizational changes made in December 1998.
- The text in Section 7 that relates to public review opportunities was revised to reflect separate Tribal and public reviews.
- Technical comments relative to the In-Situ Vittrification technology were incorporated into Appendix D.
- Clarifications regarding several technical items in Section 6 such as groundwater mounding, spectral gamma logging system, and characterization technology needs were incorporated.

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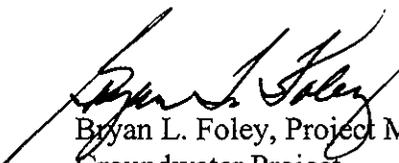
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Submittal of DOE/RL-98-28, Rev. 0, by the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office, completes work associated with the 200 Area Implementation Plan task. As required by the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order for a primary document, your concurrence with and/or approval of this document as finalized would be appreciated.

If you want to discuss this matter further or require additional information, please contact me at 376-7087.

Sincerely,


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