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Dear Mr. Wilson:

EVALUATION OF AN ALTERNATIVE STATISTICAL METHOD FOR ANALYSIS OF  
RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RECOVERY ACT (RCRA) GROUNDWATER  
MONITORING DATA AT THE HANFORD SITE, PNNL-14521

In response to Ecology's letter from D. Goswami, dated July 7, 2004, the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL) and the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) are pleased to discuss the subject report with your staff. PNNL staff will provide a presentation of the results and recommendations. Unfortunately, due to conflicting schedules, key PNNL staff who developed the document will not be available until October 2004. 62183

RL will not apply the statistical approach presented in the report at other facilities as the sole data evaluation method for RCRA compliance without Ecology's prior approval. Therefore, we are eager to discuss the report and resolve any issues on the future use of this approach. We will contact you in late September or early October 2004 to schedule a meeting.

If you have questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Matt McCormick, Assistant Manager for the Central Plateau, on (509) 373-9971.

Sincerely,

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