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Dear Mr. Ceto:

TRANSMITTAL OF THE FOCUSED FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE BC CRIBS AND TRENCHES AREA WASTE SITES, DOE/RL-2004-66, DRAFT A, AND THE PROPOSED PLAN FOR THE BC CRIBS AND TRENCHES AREA WASTE SITES, DOE/RL-2004-69, DRAFT A

The subject documents are attached for your review. These documents are submitted as primary documents under the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement) Action Plan, Section 9.0, "Documentation and Records." A 45-day regulator review period will commence following your receipt of the documents. Two advanced copies of these documents were provided to Dennis Faulk, of your staff, on May 31, 2005, at his request.

Please note that the documents do not fully incorporate general Remedial Investigation/ Feasibility Study document improvements as identified during the recent 200-SW-1 and 200-SW-2 Collaborative Workshops discussions and recent discussions with the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL). Definition of the Core Zone in the attached documents is tied to the Risk Framework (Tri-Party response to the Hanford Advisory Board Consensus Advice #132) rather than the 64 FR 61615, Record of Decision (ROD): Hanford Comprehensive Land-Use Environmental Impact Statement. Also, the desired "transparency" regarding the use of referenced documents can be strengthened. However, because the attached draft documents were essentially complete at the time those agreements were reached, RL is proposing that these items be addressed when the documents are resubmitted as Draft B for public review following incorporation of RL and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency comments on the Draft A version. We look forward to working collaboratively with you and your staff in modifying these documents for eventual public comment and legal review. We also agree that working together to complete Draft B will expedite the schedule leading to the ROD.

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If you have any 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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Attachments

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