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Mr. Randall F. Smith, Director  
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Dear Mr. Smith:

### 1,000 ACRE LEASED AREA AT THE HANFORD FEDERAL FACILITY

In response to your letter dated August 3, 1992, (R. F. Smith, USEPA to R. D. Izatt, USDOE) regarding information on the 1,000 acre parcel leased by the state of Washington, the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Field Office (RL) has performed a search for the records that were requested in enclosure 2 to your letter. The available information is attached and it is being provided in draft form while RL finalizes the report and continues searching for additional records. A copy of the report was given to Mr. D. L. Duncan of your staff on December 18, 1992. The attached copy is being provided to Ms. C. Ahlstrom of your staff. Additional information will be submitted to your office as it becomes available. The report will be distributed to your office once it has been finalized.

RL would also like to comment on a statement made in your August 3, 1992, letter. In the letter you stated that, "It is EPA's understanding that this 1,000 acre parcel ... was leased to the State of Washington in 1962 with the intent to construct an extremely hazardous waste disposal facility." As a matter of clarification, the 1,000 acre parcel was leased to the State of Washington for nuclear related activities, including the disposal of low-level radioactive waste. A different 640 acre parcel of land (Sec. 1, T.11N., R.26E.W.M.) was transferred by quitclaim deed to the State of Washington on July 7, 1980, for the purpose of allowing the construction of an extremely hazardous waste disposal facility.



