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Dear Messrs. Alexander and Sherwood:

TRANSMITTAL OF THE FOCUSED FEASIBILITY STUDY OF ENGINEERED BARRIERS FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT UNITS IN THE 200 AREAS, DRAFT B, DOE/RL-93-33

Please find attached the subject report for your review. Draft B incorporates responses to comments provided by the State of Washington, Department of Ecology, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Richland Operations Office, and DOE-Headquarters on Draft A. Several meetings were held to resolve the comments on Draft A and to develop acceptable responses. Most of these responses have been incorporated, including a discussion and evaluation of the standard Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) barrier, as requested by EPA. Response to comments on Draft A will be finalized after the review of Draft B has been completed. Please note that this draft was transmitted informally to the appropriate members of your staff during the week of February 5-9, 1996, in order for them to begin the review on February 12, 1996.

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This draft also includes revision to the applicable or relevant and appropriate requirement (ARAR) discussion, as noted in a meeting held with EPA on December 19, 1995. As a result of these revisions, it was identified that further changes to the ARAR discussion was needed. The changes made to the document resulting from the further ARAR evaluation are identified in redline and strikeout to assist the reviewer in locating changes within the document.

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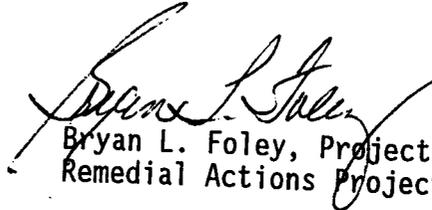
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If you have any questions concerning the revisions, please contact me at 376-7087, and a meeting can be scheduled to provide the rationale behind the changes. Please provide written comments to me by March 12, 1996.

Sincerely,



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