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Ms. Donna L. Powaukee  
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Dear Ms. Powaukee:

REQUEST FOR TRIBAL CONSULTATION REGARDING THE 200 AREAS SOIL REMEDIATION STRATEGY - ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION PROGRAM, DOE/RL-96-67, REV. 0 (ATTACHMENT 1), AND THE WASTE SITE GROUPING FOR 200 AREAS SOIL INVESTIGATIONS, DOE/RL-96-81, DECISIONAL DRAFT (ATTACHMENT 2)

Attached, please find copies of the subject documents for your review. These documents have recently been jointly reviewed by the 200 Areas Strategy Development Team which consists of staff members from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the State of Washington, Department of Ecology, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)-Headquarters, and the DOE Richland Operations Office (RL). This transmittal is in keeping with DOE's commitment to continued sharing of key documentation affecting cleanup activities at the Hanford Site, as early as possible.

RL would like to request an opportunity to consult with the Tribes regarding the subject documents. Once your review has been completed, RL along with other members of the development team would be happy to meet with the Tribes to provide an overview of the process used to develop the strategy and present the results of the efforts to date. In order to allow time for review, RL will contact your office in the next week or so to follow-up on this request for consultation.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (509) 376-7087.

Sincerely,

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Attachments: As stated

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