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Mr. Walter Scott
U.S. Department of Energy, MS A5-55
Richland Operations Office
P.O. Box 550
Richland, Washington 99352

RE: Discussion of groundwater issues with Doug Hildebrand, DOE-RL, on July 6, 1995, in Lapwai, Idaho.

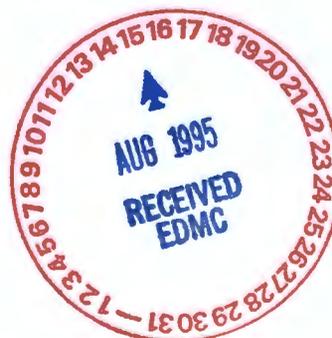
Dear Mr. Scott:

The Nez Perce Tribe Department of Environmental Restoration and Waste Management (ERWM) appreciates Mr. Doug Hildebrand, DOE-RL, and Mr. Evan Dresel, PNL, traveling to our office in Lapwai, Idaho to discuss our concerns about site-wide groundwater issues. The meeting was productive, and we are encouraged by such interaction. Meetings such as these fulfill the partnership embodied in the Cooperative Agreement between the U.S. DOE and the Nez Perce Tribe. Tribal consultation, on groundwater which affects our most important resource, the Columbia River, is of utmost concern to the Nez Perce People. Our rights to the Mid-Columbia were retained in the Treaty of 1855 and were affirmed through a series of federal and state actions.

During the meeting several studies were mentioned which describe the hydraulic conductivity of the unconfined aquifer, we would appreciate receiving copies of the these studies and a copy of the Salmon Redd map displayed at the meeting. If you wish to discuss this request further, please contact Dr. Stanley M. Sobczyk or Mr. Paul Danielson both at (208) 843-7375 or (208) 843-7378 (fax).

Sincerely,


Stanley M. Sobczyk,
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In Concurrence:



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