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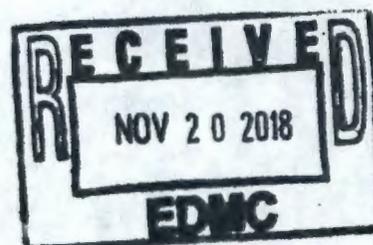
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Dear Messrs. Alexander and Sherwood:

SCREENING ASSESSMENT AND REQUIREMENTS FOR A COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT:
 COLUMBIA RIVER COMPREHENSIVE IMPACT ASSESSMENT (CRCIA) DOCUMENT,
 DOE/RL-96-16, REVISION 1, MARCH 1998

This letter transmits the subject document for Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order Target Date M-15-80-T01 due March 31, 1998. In parallel with this submittal, the report is being transmitted by separate letters to the three Tribal Nations represented on the CRCIA Team, members of the CRCIA Team, the former technical peer reviewers, members of the National Academy of Science (as requested), various government entities, and the public. (Please see distribution list included in the report.)

The report is a revision of the draft report issued on April 29, 1997, and incorporates responses to comments from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology), Tribal Nations, CRCIA Team members, technical peer reviewers, various government agencies, and the public. The comments are incorporated as agreed to and dispositioned by the CRCIA Team (including the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL), contractors, EPA, and Ecology).

Please note that the diskettes for Appendixes I-A through I-E are not being reissued with the final report. These diskettes were issued in the April draft report and have not been changed. A new appendix has been added to the final report. That appendix is now Appendix I-F ("Calculated Risks for Reference Segment"), but does not have any supplemental information provided on a diskette. Also, even though the title for Appendix I-A has changed in the final report, the content of the Appendix I-A diskette remains as it was issued in April. One new diskette has been attached to the report for those requesting diskettes. That diskette, which is Appendix I-G, contains the comments and responses for the April draft report.

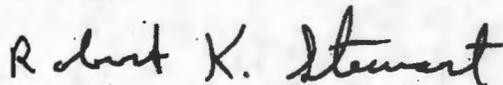
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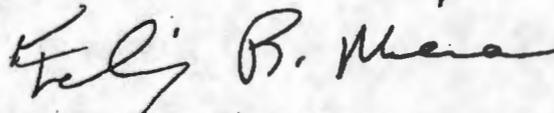
Submittal of this report satisfies the subject target date. Future work to be performed as follow-on to the CRCIA "Screening Assessment" (documented in Part I of the report) and "Requirements for a [Columbia River] Comprehensive Impact Assessment" (documented in Part II of the report) is to be determined through negotiations facilitated by Ms. Alice Shorett of Triangle Associates, Inc., by discussions related to implementation of the Sitewide Vadose Zone and Groundwater activity, and through other mechanisms.

RL thanks you for your efforts and the contributions made by of your staff who participated on the CRCIA Team. Particularly, RL acknowledges the many hours and cooperative efforts of Messrs. Dave Holland and Larry Gadbois of your respective staffs. If you have any questions or comments about this report, please contact Mr. R. K. Stewart at (509) 376-6192.

Sincerely,



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Attachment

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