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RE: Confirmatory Sampling of 5 Waste Sites Project
HCRC#: 2011-300-039a
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Dear Ms. Wright;

Thank you for contacting our department. We have reviewed the materials for the proposed *Confirmatory Sampling of 5 Waste Sites Project* on the Hanford Site, Benton County, Washington.

We concur with your determination of the Area of Potential Effect (APE) as described and presented in your figures and text. We look forward to further consultations as you conduct your identification efforts, consult with the concerned tribal governments, and provide the results of your identification efforts.

We would appreciate receiving any correspondence or comments from concerned tribes or other parties that you receive as you consult under the requirements of 36CFR800.4(a)(4).

These comments are based on the information available at the time of this review and on the behalf of the State Historic Preservation Officer in conformance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, and its implementing regulations 36CFR800. Should additional information become available, our assessment may be revised. Thank you for the opportunity to comment and a copy of these comments should be included in subsequent environmental documents.

Sincerely,

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