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Dear Messrs. Alexander and Sherwood:

DRAFT RECORD OF DECISION (ROD) FOR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE) HANFORD
100-BC-1, 100-DR-1, AND 100-HR-1 OPERABLE UNIT INTERIM REMEDIAL ACTIONS

On close of business, August 31, 1995, DOE received the subject document from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the State of Washington, Department of Ecology, for review. A five (working) day turnaround time was allotted for DOE's review. Though this was not enough time to do a detail review, DOE's initial review identified the key concerns and inconsistencies that warrant additional discussion. DOE feels that all of these can be resolved in order to achieve the mutual goal of a signed ROD by September 29, 1995.

To make this happen, DOE is asking that the three parties meet as early as possible the week of September 11, 1995, to begin discussions. DOE believes that facilitated discussions would aid in achieving consensus quickly. If EPA and Ecology agree with this approach, a list of three independent facilitators will be provided for EPA and Ecology's consideration.

Because DOE is still sorting and compiling comments, specifics have not been provided at this time. DOE will be available first thing, on September 11, 1995, to discuss the key concerns. Other non-key comments will be provided in writing to EPA and Ecology by September 14, 1995.

DOE is looking forward to working with EPA and Ecology to reach agreement on this ROD. Please contact Ms. Nancy Werdel, of my staff, on 376-5500 to coordinate discussions.

Sincerely,

Linda K. McClain, Assistant Manager
for Environmental Restoration

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