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Dear Mr. Wilson:

**COMPLETION OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT FOR THE M-32  
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

- References:
1. Settlement Agreement and Stipulated Order of Dismissal, PCHB No. 00-102: No. 00-106 & No. 00-156, dated December 19, 2001.
  2. Biodiversity Inventory and Analysis of the Hanford Site, Scope of Work – Proposal for Fiscal Year 2001 Funding (\$175,000), “The Nature Conservancy,” dated November 2001.
  3. TNC letter from J. R. Evans to J. C. Connerly, RL, dated February 26, 2003.

The Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) required by the subject Settlement Agreement (Reference 1) has been completed. The SEP biodiversity inventory work performed by The Nature Conservancy (TNC) on the Hanford Site was completed as per the specifications of their November 2001 proposal (Reference 2) and the subsequent schedule extension letter (Reference 3). Attachment 1 is the “Biodiversity Studies of the Hanford Site 2002-2003,” and Attachment 2 is the “Invasive Plant Species Inventory and Management Plan for the Hanford Reach National Monument 2003.” The reports are attached for your information.

We anticipate full expenditure of the \$175,000.00 settlement payment. However, we have not yet received the final project invoice from TNC. Once we’ve received that invoice, we’ll provide you with a copy. If we are not billed for the full amount of the settlement payment, we will contact you to discuss the transfer of any payment balance as stipulated by the Settlement Agreement.

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If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact James E. Rasmussen, Director, Environmental Division, (509) 376-2247, or Jaime Zeisloft, U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office, Environmental Restoration Division, (509) 372-0188.

Sincerely,

*for*   
Roy J. Schepens  
Manager

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Attachments: (2)

cc w/o attaches:

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Administrative Record (w/attachs)