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Dear Mr. Alexander:

TRANSMITTAL OF DOE/RL-95-111, CORRECTIVE MEASURES STUDY FOR THE 100-NR-1 AND 100-NR-2 OPERABLE UNITS, DRAFT A, TO SATISFY HANFORD TRI-PARTY AGREEMENT MILESTONE M-15-12C

Enclosed is a copy of DOE/RL-95-111, Corrective Measures Study (CMS) for the 100-NR-1 and 100-NR-2 Operable Units, Draft A for your review and approval. Submittal of this document to the State of Washington Department of Ecology by November 30, 1996 fulfills Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order Milestone M-15-12C. The CMS addresses high and low priority past practice sites and 100-N Area groundwater. It includes Focused Feasibility Study information for all sites and a priority listing coordinating N Area Decontamination and Decommissioning activities with 100-NR-1 source sites.

With regards to the cost estimates prepared for the CMS, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Richland Operations Office (RL) did not use the discounted Net Present Value in estimating the operation and maintenance costs for the remedial alternatives. Rather RL assumed that the escalation rate is equal to the discount rate. This assumption gives a more realistic operations and maintenance cost estimate than the discount method because it is consistent with the way projects of this type are funded. Both methods are supported by the DOE Cost Estimating Guide, Volume 6.

Please submit your comments within 45 days of receipt of this letter.

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If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Olson on 376-7142.

Sincerely,

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