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Mr. Patrick Sobotta, Director
Environmental Restoration/
Waste Management Program
Nez Perce Tribe
P.O. Box 365
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Dear Mr. Sobotta:

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) FOR TRENCH CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION IN THE 218-E-12B AND 218-W-5 LOW-LEVEL BURIAL GROUND, HANFORD SITE, RICHLAND (DOE/EA-1373)

As authorized by the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office's National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Implementing Procedures (10 CFR 1021), enclosed is the subject draft EA for your review prior to finalization. Please provide your written comments to me within 30 days of receipt of the EA.

Please direct any questions about this proposed action to Michael S. Collins, Waste Management Division, on (509) 376-6536. Questions regarding the NEPA process may be directed to me on (509) 376-6667.

Sincerely,

Paul F. X. Dunigan, Jr.
NEPA Compliance Officer

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Enclosure

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