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Dear Kathy:

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES ON THE NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN REVISION

This letter serves as a summary of activities on the Natural Resource Management Plan revision. A meeting was held December 10, 1993, to discuss the status of the Natural Resource Management Plan and to help facilitate the review of the plan. As a result of this meeting, two documents are seen as needed: 1) a technical document identifying natural resources on the Hanford Site and the various activities that could impact those resources, and 2) a policy document dealing with natural resource issues.

A variety of natural resource data exists for the Hanford Site and surrounding area. This data is currently being collected, reviewed, and brought together into one document that will be used as an aide in improving natural resource management decisions. This document will provide recommendations concerning natural resources onsite (i.e., when the best time might be for using heavy equipment in the 100 Areas considering the potential nesting of bald eagles on the Site, what kind of buffer zone to consider, etc.). The document's use is intended for the planning phase of environmental activities to minimize potential impacts to both the natural resources of concern and project schedules.

A rough outline has been prepared and is attached. Comments have been collected from the first draft of the management plan, those that still pertain to the technical document are being addressed. The document is on schedule to meet its deadline of February 28, 1994.

Sincerely,

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