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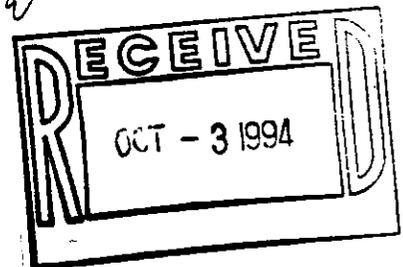
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Dear Mr. Wagoner, Mr. Clarke, and Ms. Riveland:

As a member of a group of Hanford Natural Resource Trustees, the Nez Perce Tribe began work on a recent letter, dated August 29, 1994, that described some common Trustee concerns with the siting of the Environmental Restoration Disposal Facility (ERDF) facility. In addition to the concerns raised in the Trustee letter, we wish to clarify our individual position in regard to that letter.

We are concerned that the Tri-Party Agreement (TPA) signatory authorities will read the letter as requesting significant delay in the ERDF project. We signed the Trustee letter with the understanding that the word "revisit" did not mean re-site. We are of the opinion that the TPA signatories should strongly consider consulting the Trustees to address possible improvements to the currently planned activities.



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It is our position that timely Trustee input can result in significant improvements to the ERDF project and other CERCLA cleanup activities without delaying progress toward overall cleanup and protection of the Columbia River. We look forward to discussing these comments at greater length with the Tri-Party Agreement signatory authorities.

Sincerely,



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Manager

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