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Mr. Craig O'Conner
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Regional Counsel
7600 Sand Point Way NE
Seattle, WA 98115

Re: NOAA membership on the Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council

Dear Mr. O'Conner:

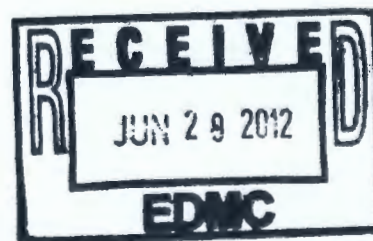
The State of Oregon is responding to a request made by NOAA, at the January 15, 2012 meeting of the Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council, seeking formal membership in the Council. On January 23, 2012, NOAA also forwarded to HNRTC members a slightly modified electronic copy of the Council Memorandum of Agreement, initially executed in 1996. The revised MOA included NOAA as a member government and included your signature as senior trustee representative for NOAA.

The existing MOA for the Council (Article VI (A)) provides that the MOA may be amended by consensus approval of the trustees. This letter serves to document Oregon's concurrence with the revised MOA.

The Oregon Department of Energy, representing the State of Oregon, recognizes and thanks NOAA for its past contributions to Hanford trustee activities, and looks forward to future collaboration. We welcome NOAA as a voting member of the Hanford trustee council.

Sincerely,

Ken Niles, Division Administrator
Senior Trustee Representative



Cc: Matthew McCormick, US DOE-RL
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