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August 29, 1995

Linda McClain, Manager
U.S. Department of Energy
Richland Operations Office
P.O. Box 550
Richland, Washington 99352

Dear Ms. McClain:

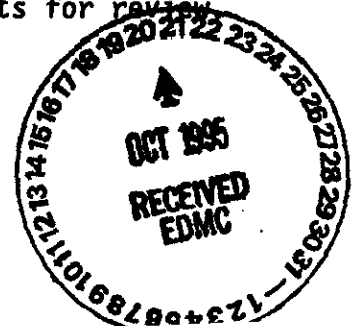
Subject: HANFORD NATURAL RESOURCE TRUSTEES REQUEST INPUT IN FEASIBILITY STUDIES

Hanford's Natural Resource Trustee Council (NRTC) is charged with the responsibility to ensure that Hanford's cleanup actions encompass the restoration of natural resources per the National Contingency Plan (NCP) 40 CFR 300.615. To discharge that responsibility, evaluation of natural resource impacts and their restoration should be an integral component of the remedial plan. Therefore, we request that DOE-RL evaluate natural resource restoration options in the feasibility studies, evaluate the ecological impact of various alternatives, and include the restoration action in the Record of Decision and Remedial Design/Remedial Action Plans. This request is consistent with DOE's guidance document "Natural Resource Trusteeship and Ecological Evaluation for Environmental Restoration at DOE Facilities," and the NCP 300.430(b)7.

Evaluation of the feasibility and cost of different remedial alternatives should consider the full scope of the project, including restoration of natural resources and their services. The amount of restoration that is needed depends on what remedial action is taken, and how it is conducted. The design and execution of remedial actions that are sensitive to the environment will minimize the need for restoration. In addition, incorporating restoration of natural resources into remedial actions will minimize residual injuries and liability for their restoration.

We seek your concurrence with integrating restoration of natural resources in the design of the cleanup action. We request that coordination occur between DOE-RL and the NRTC. Specifically, we request your written concurrence that:

- the restoration of natural resources will be included in the feasibility study,
- NRTC will be invited to participate in scoping activities for future feasibility study efforts, and
- NRTC will be provided with copies of future draft feasibility studies and (e.g., proposed plans, RODs, RD/RAs) associated documents for review.



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~~Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Ms. Liz Block, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at 509-765-6125.~~

Sincerely,

The Undersigned Trustees

cc: Steve Alexander, Ecology
Dave Lundstrom, Ecology
Roger Stanley, Ecology
Geoff Tallent, Ecology
Douglas R. Sherwood, EPA
Paul Kube, DOE-RL
James Rasmussen, DOE-RL
Jamie Zeisloft, DOE-RL
Robert Taylor, NOAA
Preston Sleeper, DOI
Linda Goodey, D&M
Hanford Natural Resource Trustees
Administrative Record, Generic

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From: The Hanford Natural Resource Trustees

Regarding: Hanford Natural Resource Trustees request for DOE-RL
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Ann B. Aldrich
Border Resource Area Manager
Bureau of Land Management

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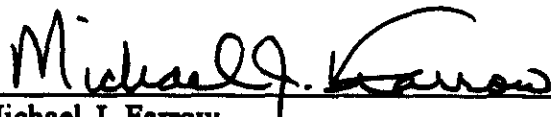
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Michael J. Farrow
Director, Department of Natural Resources
Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

September 27, 1995
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(Name of Organization)


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John Savage, Director
Oregon Department of Energy
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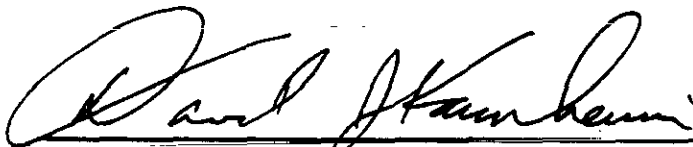
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David J. Kaumheimer
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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Moses Lake, WA

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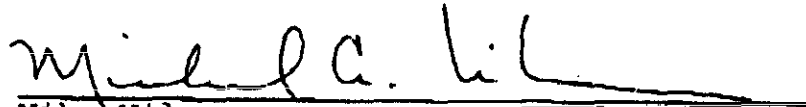
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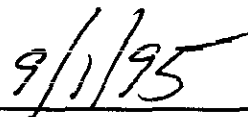
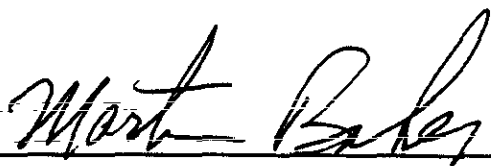
Mike Wilson
Manager, Nuclear Waste Program
Washington State Department of Ecology

October 2, 1995

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Martin Baker, Assistant Director
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

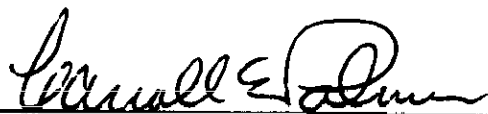
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Carroll Palmer, Deputy Director
Department of Natural Resources
Yakama Indian Nation

9/27/95

Date