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Dear Dr. Harper:

The Pre-Assessment Screen (PAS) submitted to the U.S. Department of Energy-Richland by the Yakama Nation last December confirms injury to natural resources on the Hanford Site. The available evidence, including the PAS, amply justifies proceeding with an injury assessment as the next step in the Natural Resource Damage Assessment Process described in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act.

Oregon is committed to work with other natural resource trustees to undertake appropriate assessments at Hanford. We will commit staff time from Oregon Department of Energy's technical experts for this work

Sincerely,

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