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Dear Mr. Sobotta:

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SELECTION OF A SITE-WIDE GROUNDWATER MODEL
AT THE HANFORD SITE, AUGUST 1999**

Attached for your review and comment is the draft subject document. This draft report provides a current summary of the overall recommendations for consolidation of site-wide groundwater modeling at the site. These recommendations include descriptions of: (1) the overall approach being used to achieve the objectives of the model consolidation process, (2) past and present uses of groundwater models at the Hanford Site, (3) future groundwater modeling activities, (4) requirements for the consolidation site-wide groundwater model, (5) acceptability of current models, (6) description of the consolidated site-wide model, (7) technical issues and concerns on proposed needs and requirements for the consolidated site-wide groundwater model, and (8) an approach to address technical issues and concerns.

Comments are requested by September 3, 1999; 30 days from when this letter is issued. If you want to discuss this matter further or require additional information, please contact me at (509) 373-9626.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. D. Hildebrand".

R. D. Hildebrand, Project Manager
Groundwater Project

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Attachment

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