

**HANFORD NATURAL RESOURCE TRUSTEE COUNCIL
FINDING 00-02**

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In summation, this Council letter:

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- Seeks clarification on the phrases "available for alternative uses or other uses" and recommends that as these lands are cleaned up they should be incorporated under existing agreements between the U.S. Department of Energy-Richland Operations Office (DOE-RL) for land management into the National Wildlife Refuge system.
- Seeks collaboration with U.S. Department of Energy-Richland Operations Office (DOE-RL) in identifying and evaluating injuries to biota.
- Expresses missed opportunities in the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study approach to conduct a quantitative Assessment and proposes a solution to gather the needed data by creating an enforceable Tri-Party Agreement (TPA) milestone for a site-wide (i.e. 100, 200, and 300 Area NPL sites) Assessment.
- Recommends the establishment of a Biological Technical Assistance Group who would assist DOE-RL in identifying and developing appropriate Assessment studies.
- Seeks coordination in developing a TPA milestone package for an Assessment and requests sufficient funds to conduct the Assessment milestone in the FY2002 budget cycle.

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Support

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Support with separate opinion (below)

Signature: Thomas F O'Brien

Name: Thomas F. O'Brien

Trustee Organization: for U.S. Department of the Interior

Date: December 11, 2000

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Signature: 

Name: LARRY GOLDSTEIN

Trustee Organization: WASHINGTON STATE DEPT. OF ECOLOGY

Date: 12/18/00

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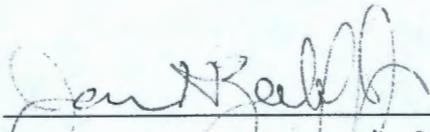
DOE-RL objects to certain aspects of this letter. However, to allow the other trustees to submit their comments, we abstain.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Trustee Organization: _____

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James H. Zeisloff Jr.
DOE - RL
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Signature: Susan C Hughs

Name: SUSAN C. HUGHS

Trustee Organization: OREGON

Date: 12-15-00

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Signature: 

Name: Thomas Zeitman

Trustee Organization: Yakama Nation

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Signature: Dan Landeen

Name: Dan Landeen

Trustee Organization: Nec Peve

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