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Dear Mr. Olson:

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We have reviewed the In Situ Treatability Test Plan (DOE/RL-95-107), and, as proposed, we do not have any objections to its implementation, provided the Department of Energy (DOE) meets the following conditions to the extent possible. First, the DOE should take all care to ensure that no sediment enters the river during excavation and that all excavated materials are disposed of away from the river. Second, all permanent structures should be constructed to have the minimum impact possible on the visual environment. Third, following construction, the area disturbed should be reclaimed to the extent possible using native vegetation. While failure to meet these conditions would not cause the National Park Service to object to the implementation of the proposed project, we believe that the DOE should make every practical effort to meet the conditions in order to protect the wild and scenic river resources of the Hanford Reach.

Thank you for consulting with the National Park Service. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (206) 220-4120.

Sincerely,

Daniel Haas
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