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VADOSE ZONE MONITORING STUDY

Per our conversation on March 5, 2002, the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL) will perform a vadose zone monitoring study in the Central Plateau. This study will focus on the central plateau and be in concert with the overall Central Plateau Vadose Zone Strategy. RL will work in a collaborative manner with the State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to determine the scope of study and to establish the schedule for the study. The study will be conducted prior to the design of Cells 5 and 6 of the Environmental Restoration Disposal Facility expansion as well as to support the overall Central Plateau Vadose Zone Strategy.

If you have any questions about this study, please contact me, or your staff may contact John Morse of my staff on (509) 376-0057.

Sincerely,

Michael H. Schlender, Deputy Manager  
for Site Transition

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