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Mr. Mike A. Wilson
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Dear Mr. Wilson:

DEVELOPMENT OF A HANFORD INTEGRATED GROUNDWATER MONITORING STRATEGY

The U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operation Office (RL) will be conducting a facilitated Data Quality Objectives (DQOs) exercise on November 25, 1996, in Richland that will involve the Indian Nations, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), stakeholders, and the State of Washington Department of Ecology to address issues that affect the efficient conduct of the Site's groundwater monitoring. Hanford's groundwater monitoring worksopes evolved over a period of time as new requirements were identified in its missions. As a consequence, multiple groundwater monitoring activities developed that addressed related but separate issues and requirements, and conflicts and overlapping missions have resulted in a less than totally effective use of resources.

In recognition, RL has effected changes in its own organization and the assignment of workscope to the Site's contractors, which has eliminated some of the overlap and conflicts. The next step in this process is agreement on a strategy. The following step will develop DQOs for each of the key decisions identified in the strategy with participation of the members of this group. Your participation would be appreciated in this meeting to assist us in resolving these issues. Your presence will indicate to your staff the importance of the issues and decisions that will be addressed.

The meeting will start at 8:00 a.m. in Room 1B02 at 3350 George Washington Way, Richland. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. M. J. Furman at 373-9630 or Mr. R. D. Hildebrand at 375-3622.

Sincerely,

Linda K. Bauer, Assistant Manager
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