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Dear Mr. Wilson:

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TRANSMITTAL OF A DRAFT FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2002 TANK CHARACTERIZATION TECHNICAL SAMPLING BASIS AND WASTE INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS DOCUMENT (TSB-WIRD) IN COMPLETION OF THE HANFORD FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER (TRI-PARTY AGREEMENT) MILESTONE M-44-13E.

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The purpose of this letter is to transmit to the State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) the Draft FY 2002 Tank Characterization TSB-WIRD, RPP-8093, Revision A, dated May 2001 (attached). Transmittal of this document fulfills the requirement of Tri-Party Agreement Milestone M-44-13E as specified in the "Approved Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement) Change Request, M-44-97-03," dated November 1997.

Per the Tri-Party Agreement, Ecology's review comments are due July 30, 2001. The U.S. Department of Energy, Office of River Protection (ORP) requests that these review comments be discussed in a Partnering meeting between Ecology and ORP prior to formal transmittal. This approach will expedite the review process, and allow issues to be discussed more thoroughly. The date for this meeting has not been selected yet.

If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Wen-Shou Liou, Operations Program Division, (509) 373-9879.

Sincerely,

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