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Dear Mr. Wells:

This letter is in regard to the April 11, 1995 correspondence from John Erickson to Phillip Staats of the Washington State Department of Ecology concerning proposed guidelines for the establishment of action levels for cleanup of radioactive contaminated soils at Hanford.

In that letter, the Department of Health provides an excellent overview of existing and pending guidelines, policies and statutory considerations governing dose limits, associated incremental cancer risks and considerations for radioactive cleanup standards. The analysis presented indicates that the proposed limit of 15 mrem/year above background by EPA and NRC is consistent with WDOH recommendations, therefore, it is a reasonable limit for guiding cleanup of radioactive contaminated soils in the 100 Area that will be addressed in an upcoming record of decisions.

The EPA greatly appreciates the timely and professional efforts on the part of the State Departments of Health and Ecology in addressing this issue. Your continuous efforts to maintain effective coordination are a tremendous asset in realizing the goal of an effective cleanup of the Hanford Site.

Please call me at (509) 376-9529 if you would like to discuss this letter or other matters related to Hanford.

Sincerely,

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