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Dear Ms. Powaukee:

DEVELOPMENT OF A HANFORD INTEGRATED GROUNDWATER MONITORING STRATEGY

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Richland Operations Office (RL) requests your participation in a facilitated Data Quality Objectives (DQOs) exercise to develop an integrated groundwater monitoring strategy for the Hanford Site. The exercise will address goals for integrating groundwater monitoring workscope, objectives for groundwater monitoring, identify the major decisions that data must support, and discuss approaches for integration of the work activities. The involvement of the Indian Nations, regulatory agencies, and stakeholders is essential to identify and resolve issues that have evolved from the application of separate regulatory requirements, operational considerations, and health and safety concerns. This evolution resulted in multiple groundwater monitoring activities that addressed related but separate issues and requirements. As a consequence, 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 DOE contractors, which has eliminated some of the overlap and conflicts. The next step in this process is agreement on a strategy. Following steps will develop DQOs for each of the key decisions identified in the strategy with participation of the members of this group.

A full-day meeting is planned for November 25, 1996, at 3350 George Washington Way in Room 1B02 to start at 8:00 a.m. Your attendance is appreciated. For additional information or if you have any questions, please contact Mr. M. J. Furman at 373-9630 or Mr. R. D. Hildebrand at 375-6222.

Sincerely,

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