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Dear Mr. Niles:

TRANSMITTAL OF THE CENTRAL PLATEAU ECOLOGICAL SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS PLAN (SAP) – PHASE II, DOE/RL-2005-30, REVISION 0

The subject document is attached for your information. It is being reviewed for approval by both the State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

This Phase II SAP is the second in a series of three to assess ecological risks on the Central Plateau. The sampling activities are focused in the BC Controlled Area and one uncontaminated reference area. Sampling activities focus on soils, vegetation, invertebrates, small mammals and lizards to determine the ecological risks. The information contained in this SAP documents the culmination of the data quality objectives and sampling design development process for Phase II of the Central Plateau Ecological Risk Assessment which was completed in March 2005 and included participants from the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office, Ecology, EPA, the Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council, and Hanford Advisory Board and Tribal representatives in interviews, workshops, document reviews and site visits.

If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Bryan Foley, of my staff, on (509) 376-7087.

Sincerely,

Matthew S. McCormick, Assistant Manager
for the Central Plateau

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