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June 3, 1999
Mr. Thomas W. Fens:

I support the Nature Conservancy's position regarding protection of the ecologically significant lands at Hanford. Please protect this area to the largest extent possible by:

(1) Support the Preferred Alternative, adding the inclusion of the Arid Lands Ecology Reserve, the McGee Ranch, DOE's entire Wahluke Slope, the Hanford Reach, and the Columbia River islands as a permanent National Wildlife Refuge.

(2) Do not permit any agriculture, commercial mining or livestock grazing.

(3) To expedite a final decision, DOE should issue separate decisions for the areas mentioned in (1) above.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE APPROPRIATE ACTION

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