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Dear Messrs. Day and Jansen:

RESPONSES TO COMMENTS ON THE HANFORD SITE GROUNDWATER BACKGROUND DOCUMENT

This correspondence addresses the schedule for submittal of the response to comments for the Hanford Site Groundwater Background report, Milestone M-28-03.

The U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Field Office (RL) and it's contractors are obliged to revise and update this report, which is an RL primary document, in accordance with review comments from both the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology). Revision of the document, therefore, requires agreement between both EPA and Ecology regarding the clarification of issues, the disposition of comments, and document revision. Concurrence between the parties is most appropriately obtained in joint meetings, where issues can be addressed and resolved in most timely manner.

Before these steps can be taken, all portions of the document must have been obtained and reviewed by all concerned parties. As agreed, Appendix D of the Hanford Site Groundwater Background will be delivered by November 2, 1992. Soon after, a meeting will be arranged between RL, EPA, Ecology, and Westinghouse Hanford Company (WHC). This meeting will focus on concurrence regarding comment disposition and issues resolution. Subsequent meetings may be necessary to fully resolve conflicts; this arrangement was successfully employed to disposition comments on the Hanford Site Soil Background Report.

RL and WHC will deliver a revised Hanford Site Groundwater Background report by July 30, 1993.

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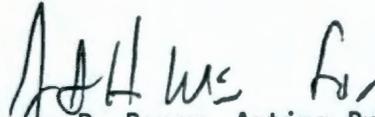
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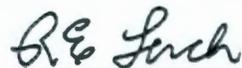
If you have any questions, please contact me or Mr. K. M. Thompson of my staff on (509) 376-6421 or Mr. F. A. Ruck III, WHC, on (509) 376-9876.

Sincerely,



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