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Dear Mr. Bauer:

#### NOTIFICATION OF NATURAL RESOURCE TRUSTEES

The Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement) designates the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Field Office (RL), along with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the U.S. Department of the Interior, as natural resource trustees. Section 7.0, "Past Practices Process," paragraph 6, "Natural Resource Trusteeships" (pages 7-22) of the Tri-Party Agreement action plan requires that RL notify appropriate federal and state natural resource trustees of injury to, destruction of, or loss of natural resources pursuant to Section 104(b)(2) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). Enclosed are letters that have been prepared to satisfy this requirement.

Natural resource trusteeship carries with it certain obligations. According to selected portions of CERCLA, the National Contingency Plan, and Executive Order 12580, RL must: (1) notify cognizant trustees; (2) coordinate plans, studies, and responses with co-trustees; and (3) place correspondence with co-trustees in the Administrative Record when RL facilities potentially threaten natural resources. RL has partially fulfilled all of the obligations but has not as yet formally notified the State of Oregon or the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as trustees.

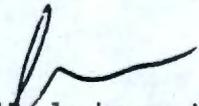
A letter of formal notification is enclosed for Fred Hanson, Director of Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, who has been designated the State trustee for Oregon and Lt. Colonel Robert D. Volz, Commander, U.S. Army Engineering District, Walla Walla, who has been designated trustee for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for assessments of natural resource damages regarding the Hanford Site.

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Please review the enclosed letters and, if you find them to your satisfaction, transmit them to the appropriate trustees. Any questions may be directed to Mr. R. J. Landon on 376-6992 or Ms. K. M. Leonard on 376-7065.

Very truly yours,



G. W. Jackson, Manager  
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