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Ms. Ethel R. Collins
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Dear Ms. Collins:

Re: Wahluke Slope Expedited Response Action (ERA) Comments Response

Thank you for taking the time to review the Wahluke Slope ERA Cleanup Plan. I hope ^{3/89/} it has satisfied your desire for more information about the site. Your recommendation to restore the site to its original state coincides with the cleanup goals we have set for the Wahluke Slope.

This cleanup will be carried out to the fullest extent possible, with perhaps only a fraction of the total 89,000 acres of the Wahluke Slope left under deed restrictions. The affected land area will include *less than one half of one percent* of the total. In order to achieve this cleanup at an acceptable cost, the restrictions on this fraction may be necessary. The future use of the Wahluke Slope will not be decided until after this cleanup action has been completed. Although we may make suggestions on future use, this decision is not within the purview of the Washington State Department of Ecology. As stated in my previous letter, we support the Hanford Future Site Uses Working Group's recommendation of unrestricted use, which could include farming.

Thank you for supporting the cleanup efforts at the Hanford Site. If I may be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me again at (509) 736-3026.

Sincerely,

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