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Dear Mr. Sobotta:

**RISK/IMPACT TECHNICAL REPORT FOR THE HANFORD GROUNDWATER(GW)/  
VADOSE ZONE (VZ) INTEGRATION PROJECT, FINAL DRAFT/JULY 27, 1999**

Please find attached the subject document for review and comment. This report was prepared for the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Center for Risk Excellence (CRE) and the DOE Richland Operations Office (RL) by Argonne National Laboratory, with input from the CRE team. This revision was based on comments received. Distribution of this report has been made in two ways; some individuals are receiving hard copies of the document, while others are receiving notice of electronic access through the Internet at URL <http://riskcenter.doe.gov/docs/cre/gwvz/gwvz.cfm>.

The purpose of this technical report is to describe methods for evaluating different kinds of risks and other impacts that could result from multiple contamination sources at the Hanford Site. The overall goal is to strengthen the scientific foundation of environmental decisions to be made, to help the GW/VZ component of the environmental management program move forward through the assessment and implementation phase with the best knowledge available.

RL and the CRE welcome all comments on this final draft. Comments received prior to November 5, 1999, will be accepted for possible incorporation as appropriate. Comments may be sent to me at the above address, MSIN HO-12, or by fax at (509) 376-4360.

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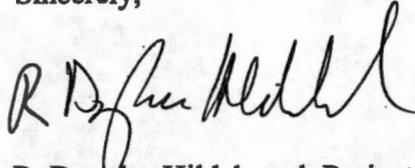
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If you want to discuss this matter further or require additional information, please contact me at (509) 373-9626.

Sincerely,



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