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Subject: Your missive dated, December 14,)
1998, Responding to Comment on)
the 100 Area Remaining Sites Pro-)
posed Plan)

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Mr. Faulk:

Appended is rebuttal, concerning the above subject.

If you desire further information, please feel free
to contact me at the above address.

Happy Holidays!

I am,
Very truly yours,

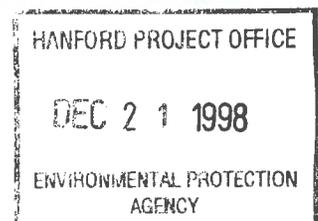


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Paragraph #2:

My comment was that the 200 Area Plateau disposal should be deferred until the issues raised by the GAO audit are brought to closure.

Paragraph #3:

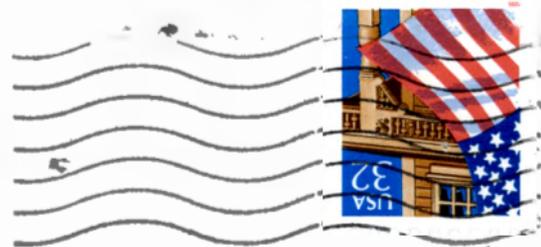
It is my geologic and hydrologic understanding that a vadose zone underlies the entirety of the 200 Area Plateau, not just the Tank Farms. And, the ability of this zone to sorb hazardous and nuclear materials is an important parameter for the protection of the underlying groundwater and, ultimately, the Columbia River, whether it be under tank farms, ponds, cribs, burial grounds, or "...a state-of-the-art disposal facility...".

Paragraph #4:

If the Central Plateau is key to Site "clean-up", as is professed, then vadose zone parameters should be well understood, before the Plateau is utilized for further disposal.



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