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Dear Mr. Niles: *Ken*

TRANSMITTAL OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) FOR THE EXPANSION OF BORROW AREAS ON THE HANFORD SITE

Please find enclosed the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) draft EA for the "Expansion of Borrow Areas on the Hanford Site," DOE/EA-1934, and accompanying fact sheet. The EA analyzes the proposed expansion of eleven existing borrow areas and the development of one new borrow area for the purpose of securing sand and gravel materials for use in supporting the environmental cleanup mission at Hanford. This EA does not address borrow activities for silt and loam materials.

A 30-day public comment period on this draft EA is open from December 10, 2012 through January 14, 2013. The DOE welcomes your feedback. Please submit written comments to borrowareaEA@rl.gov or mail to Paula Call, NEPA Document Manager, Borrow Area Expansion Draft EA, U.S. Department of Energy, P.O. Box 550, MS A2-15, Richland, Washington, 99352.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (509) 376-2048.

Sincerely,

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