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Dear Mr. Richards:

**DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) FOR K BASIN SLUDGE STORAGE AT THE 221-T BUILDING, HANFORD SITE, RICHLAND (DOE/EA-1369)**

As authorized by the U.S. Department of Energy's National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Implementing Procedures (10 CFR 1021), I am notifying you of a recent determination to prepare the subject document. The draft EA will be sent to you for your review prior to finalization.

Please direct any questions about this proposed action to Todd A. Shrader, Waste Management Division, on (509) 376-2725. Questions regarding the NEPA process may be directed to me on (509) 376-6667.

Sincerely,

*Paul F. X. Dunigan, Jr.*

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