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Mr. Jamie Zeisloft
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RE: Mitigation Action Plan for the 100 and 600 Areas of the Hanford Site,
DOE/RL-2001-22, Rev. 0

Dear Mr. Zeisloft:

The Nez Perce Tribe's Environmental Restoration and Waste Management Program (ERWM) has reviewed the *Mitigation Action Plan for the 100 and 600 Areas of the Hanford Site, DOE/RL-2001-22, Rev. 0*.

Since 1855, reserved treaty rights of the Nez Perce Tribe in the Mid-Columbia have been recognized and affirmed through a series of Federal and State actions. These actions protect Nez Perce rights to utilize their usual and accustomed resources and resource areas in the Hanford Reach of the Columbia River and elsewhere. Accordingly, the Nez Perce Tribe's Environmental Restoration and Waste Management Program (ERWM) responds to actions that impact the Hanford ecosystem.

The ERWM is very interested in commenting on any Hanford document that involves projects that may impact natural and cultural resources at Hanford. With this particular mitigation document we have no record of being involved in any reviews. In the future, we would request that the ERWM be placed on distribution so that we may receive documents in a timely manner and have time to comment if we choose to do so. We thank Bechtel for sending us the document for our records. Even though there was no request for a formal review we do have a few comments.

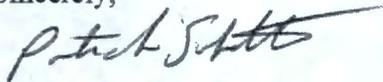
This is the first document that we are aware of that provides some detail and background of the overall mitigation process that should be followed at Hanford. We think that the discussions of guidance documents, biological resource levels, mitigation ratios,

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threatened and endangered species, and goals are very useful. We would recommend that all Hanford contractors, field personnel, and project managers who are involved with activities that may impact cultural and natural resources be given copies of this document to familiarize themselves with the mitigation process. This would also apply to projects in other areas of Hanford, not just the 100 and 600 Areas. This would also help ensure that mitigation is built into the overall budget at the very beginning of each project.

We believe that the natural and cultural resources at Hanford can be better preserved and protected if the guidance is followed as outlined in this document. If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Dan Landeen at 208-843-7373 or email: dani@nezperce.org.

Sincerely,



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