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Mr. Bob Holt  
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Dear Mr. Holt:

Thank you for hosting the Natural Resource Trustee meeting August 4-5, 1993. The briefing by Mr. Rosenberger was informative. Mr. Basietto presented worthy goals; that trustees cooperate, that remedial work and restoration be integrated, and that unnecessary technicalities be avoided. The discussions between the trustees were an important step toward reconciling the disparate concerns of the Hanford trustees. Progress was made in understanding trustee expectations, roles, and concerns, so that more tangible results may be hoped for at our next meeting.

It appeared that all the trustees present manifested a willingness to, and an interest in, taking steps towards working together as one body. It is my hope that the trustees will coalesce around a vision for the restoration of natural resources injured by releases of hazardous substances at Hanford. While the trustees present did not agree to form a trustee council, we did agree that a facilitator should be used to help the trustees form a framework for cooperating in the execution of their respective duties.

Sincerely,

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