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DATE: February 14, 1995
TO: Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council & Friends
SUBJECT: DISTRIBUTE LETTER, DISCUSS LETTER, NOTICE FOR MEETING

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Attached is a letter FYI. If you have any questions, please call Liz. Also, in the last meeting, a discussion took place about sending a letter of thanks to those who helped make ERDF salvaging possible, specifically, Owen Robertson and Glenn Goldberg. That wasn't listed on your action items and no one actually made the commitment to write it. Any volunteers or recommendations?

There will be a meeting in Richland at the Atrium Building in the small conference room (I've been told this room doesn't hum, squeal, or otherwise annoy) on Friday, February 17, 1995, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Subject is North Slope Revegetation Plan. Attendees: be prepared to discuss the Revegetation Plan that was handed out at the last Council meeting, and specifics on where to plant, priority sites, time frame to plant--when it must be completed and how long it will take. Everyone is welcome, of course, but the following people were on the list to attend: Janet Ebaugh, Jay McConnaughey, Liz Block, Jake Jakabosky, Rico Cruz, Sandy Simmons, Robert Kent, Walt Perro, Glenn Goldberg, Randy Hill, Dave Geoke, Paul Kube, and Kathy Leonard. If you have any questions, call me or Kathy.

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Mr. John Wagoner, Manager
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Subject: ESTABLISHING A NATIVE PLANT NURSERY AND SEED BANK FOR HANFORD

Dear Mr. Wagoner:

The Hanford Site contains a large amount of relatively intact native shrub-steppe habitat. This habitat is being destroyed and degraded region-wide at a rapid rate. At Hanford, activities such as remediation and the construction of new facilities pose a serious threat to this resource.

Protection and restoration of natural resources is a necessary component of successful CERCLA remediation and restoration and is in keeping with the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Field Office's (DOE-RL) trust responsibilities. For successful restoration at Hanford, additional information is needed about techniques for gathering, growing, propagating, storing, planting, maintaining, and monitoring shrub-steppe plants. For example, the sodium dichromate and riverland sites have been remediated, but restoration attempts at these sites have failed. Larger remediation projects, such as the 100 Area cleanup and the ERDF, will require restoration on a much broader scale. In order to meet these future demands, the Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council (NRTC) encourages DOE-RL to take steps to identify the necessary facilities and techniques that will enable DOE-RL to fulfill its restoration duties efficiently.

An essential component of this effort must be a Hanford-based native plant nursery and seed bank. Locally derived native seed has the best ability to survive, is more beneficial to native wildlife, and requires less maintenance. Yet, such seed is not currently available from commercial suppliers. To acquire and propagate seed in sufficient quantities to meet Hanford's restoration needs, the NRTC suggests that DOE-RL work with businesses and other interested parties to establish a local nursery and seed bank. Such a facility would be relatively inexpensive, and its timely operation would greatly reduce DOE-RL's future restoration costs and its potential natural resource damages. Moreover, DOE-RL can use this nursery and seed bank to meet its other, non-CERCLA needs.

The NRTC fully supports the development and operation of a native plant nursery and seed bank for Hanford. We request that DOE-RL pursue the steps necessary to establish such a facility. We are available for consultation on this matter and are willing to contribute our technical expertise to the development of this capacity. We request a meeting with your staff to discuss these matters in further detail. Please respond via Paul Kube, DOE-RL, within ten days of the date of this letter, to set a time and place for this meeting.

Sincerely,

The Hanford Natural Resource Trustees