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Dear Tom:

I want to express my personal thanks for your hard work on making the Hanford Comprehensive Land Use Record of Decision a reality. I understand that you have been the backbone of this effort since its inception seven years ago. It has been a long and arduous process, but I believe the end result has been well worth it. You have been instrumental in helping to protect the Columbia River and the fragile White Bluffs, while also allowing for economic development at the site. I particularly appreciate your dedication and efforts that made it possible for us to meet the Secretary's schedule for issuing the final EIS and the ROD on time. The EIS and ROD are important achievements for the Department -- you should be very proud of what you have accomplished.

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Sincerely,

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