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**TRANSMITTAL OF PREASSESSMENT SCREEN DETERMINATION FOR THE
HANFORD 1100 AREA NATIONAL PRIORITY LIST SITE**

Dear Mr. Penney:

The Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) regulations contained in 43 CFR, Part 11(a) state, "Before beginning any assessment efforts under this part, the authorized official shall complete a preassessment screen and make a determination as to whether an assessment under this part shall be carried out." To assist those officials who may be authorized to make this determination with regards to the Hanford 1100 Area National Priority List Site, the Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council (HNRTC) completed an 1100 Area Preassessment Screen Determination (PAD). The HNRTC is hereby providing this document to you for your use in making the required determination for the 1100 Area.

It is the finding of the HNRTC that natural resource injury has occurred or may be occurring at waste sites within the 1100 Area. However, the HNRTC has decided not to proceed with a damage assessment. The finding represents the consensus opinion of the HNRTC and each authorized official shall make the determination for his or her individual trustee agency. If each of the authorized officials agree with the finding of the HNRTC, it is our intent to transmit the PAD to the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office under the Council's letterhead. We therefore request that you inform us of your determination as soon as it is completed or within 30 days of the date of this letter. We look forward to hearing from you and thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Thomas F. O'Brien

Thomas F. O'Brien, Chair
Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council

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Attachment: 1100 Area Preassessment Determination

cc: Pat Sabotta

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