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Dear Mr. Alexander:

TRANSMITTAL OF 100-D PONDS CLOSURE PLAN, DOE/RL-92-71, REV. 1, DRAFT B

Attached are six copies of the subject document for your approval. Revision 0 of this closure plan was submitted to the State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) in March 1993. Subsequent reviews, discussions, and remediation activities have fundamentally changed the approach to closure leading to a significantly different revision. The issues raised by Ecology in the Notice of Deficiency comments and the concerns raised in a Ecology letter to Mr. Owen C. Robertson from Mr. Keith K. Holliday, "Closure of 100-D Ponds," dated November 25, 1997, have been either resolved or incorporated into Rev. 1, Draft B.

This closure plan presents the 100-D Ponds as a clean treatment, storage and/or disposal unit under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 (RCRA). In support of this position, Appendix A to the closure plan presents the results of verification sampling conducted in August 1996, after the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office voluntarily remediated the ponds. Appendix B is a discussion of the impacts to the subsurface resulting from RCRA disposal activities.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Glenn Goldberg at 376-9552.

Sincerely,

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