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Dear Messrs. Day and Jansen:

DRAFT U-PLANT AGGREGATE AREA MANAGEMENT STUDY REPORT

This letter transmits the Draft U-Plant Aggregate Area Management Study Report (AAMSR) for review and comment by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology). The report fulfills Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order interim Milestone M-27-02 for submittal of this AAMSR as a secondary document. Some of the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Field Office (RL) comments are currently being dispositioned and have not been incorporated into the text of this document.

The report was prepared in accordance with the objectives of the Hanford Past Practices Investigation Strategy (HPPIS) (DOE/RL-91-04) and the methodology and format for the AAMSR presented in AAMSR Chapter 1, which was submitted as interim milestone M-27-01. It represents the first of 10 reports that will be prepared as part of the 200 National Priority List Aggregate Area Study.

As part of the continuing work being done to develop the HPPIS, Section 1 of the Draft U-Plant AAMSR has been updated to reflect the most recent version of the strategy, to clarify the content of future work plans and to effect minor editorial changes. The changes include information discussed at the January 8, 1992, U-Plant AAMSR meeting. The meeting presented information on the structure and content of the AAMSR to representatives of EPA, Ecology and the RL. All changes to Section 1 have been marked with revision bars.

The 200 Aggregate Area Management Studies Decision Making Flow Chart used in the AAMSR (Figure 9.1 in the attached report) was also agreed to in the Decisions, Agreements and Commitments from the January 8, 1992, U-Plant AAMSR meeting. Inconsistencies exist between the HSPPIS (August 1991) text, in particular the Hanford Past Practices Strategy Flow Chart, and the strategy used in Chapter 9.0 of the U-Plant AAMSR which is based upon the 200 Aggregate Area Management Studies Decision Making Flow Chart (Figure 9.1 in the attached report). The inconsistencies primarily regard the Expedited Response Action, Limited Field Investigations, Interim Remedial Measures, and the final remedy selection process(es) that support the Record of Decision. Since the documents have been agreed to by all parties, these inconsistencies must be resolved at the Unit Manager level. Should changes to the AAMSR text be required as a result of new agreements, these changes can easily be made during the period for disposition of the Regulatory comments.

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