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Ms. Marilyn B. Reeves, Chair The Hanford Advisory Board 22250 Boulder Crest Lane S.E. Amity, Oregon 97101

Dear Ms. Reeves:

JUNE 22, 1995, EXERCISE "OZ" EMERGENCY DRILL

In reference to your letter dated September 7, 1995, same subject, the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office strives to maintain an effective emergency management system by routinely conducting exercises in order to identify areas of improvement.

Attached for your information is the Exercise "Oz" Final Critique. This critique addresses the concerns raised by the State of Washington, as well as additional issues identified by the independent evaluation team that was assembled for this exercise.

I want to assure you that the preliminary report does not make light of the issues identified. The purpose of the preliminary report is to provide immediate feedback to participants and to identify the major areas of concern. Please note that the concerns regarding protective action recommendations and event information were identified in this preliminary report. We are confident that our critique process is rigorous, and focuses on the probable root cause of an identified issue.

Thank you for your input and interest in Hanford's emergency exercise program.

If you have any questions, please contact me, or you may contact Ms. Judy Tokarz-Hames, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, at (509) 376-4766.

Sincerely,

John D. Wagoner

Manager

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Attachment