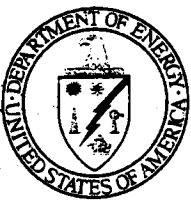
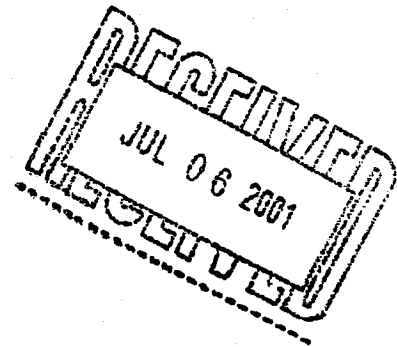


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Dear Mr. Martin:

**VOLPENTEST HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MANAGEMENT AND EMERGENCY  
RESPONSE (HAMMER) TRAINING AND EDUCATION CENTER**

Thank you for your letter of June 8, 2001, supporting the HAMMER Training and Education Center. I appreciate your interest and support for HAMMER and all that it means to worker safety at Hanford. Like you, I recognize the hazards facing Hanford employees engaged in Hanford Site cleanup. I also endorse the benefits derived from hands-on training, training as real as it gets. I assure you, in the difficult days ahead prioritizing limited budget in light of the vast tasks represented at Hanford, the value HAMMER provides to Hanford will not be forgotten.

Again, thank you for your interest and support. If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Paul W. Kruger, Associate Manager for Science and Technology, on (509) 372-4005.

Sincerely,

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