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Dear Dr. Wollenberg:

This letter is in response to your request for guidance on obtaining samples of Hanford groundwater for isotopic analysis under NRC/RES FIN B3040.

We expect a rapid increase in the number of requests for site-specific samples to result from the acceleration of the DOE high-level waste repository qualification program. We are, therefore, making arrangements with DOE to formalize the sample request procedure. At this time, it is envisaged that all request will be made through the NRC project manager for the site.

We expect to meet with DOE in the near future to formalize an agreement on this matter. We will inform you of the correct procedure to follow as soon as an agreement has been reached. For samples from BWIP, your point of contact would be Dr. Robert J. Wright (FTS 427-4674).

Sincerely,

Robert E. Browning, Acting Director Division of Waste Management

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