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Dr. James Anderson 15900 Simons Grenada Hills, California 91344

Dear Dr. Anderson:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your role in the Columbia River Basalt field trip of August 3-6, 1987. Harold Lefevre, Keith McConnell, and Jim Warner of my staff have indicated that the field trip was very informative and provided an excellent forum for the exchange and discussion of interpretations on the stratigraphy and tectonics of the area around the Basalt Waste Isolation Project (BWIP). The information derived from your part of the field trip will aid the NRC staff in the evaluation and review of issues related to the proposed high-level nuclear waste repository site near Hanford, Washington.

My staff has informed me that, at our request, you prepared a field guide and led the last day of the field trip. We sincerely appreciate your willingness to assist the NRC staff in understanding the geology of the Columbia River Basalt.

Your efforts were a key factor in what we believe was a highly successful field trip. The high level of interest and participation in the field trip by the States, Indian Tribes, and the Department of Energy indicate that an informal discussion of issues related to a high-level waste repository is both possible and productive.

Sincerely yours,

15 by D. Brooks

Ronald L. Ballard, Chief Technical Review Branch Division of High-Level Waste Management Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards

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