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Dr. Roy E. Williams
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Dear Dr. Williams:

This letter authorizes you to initiate the statistical analysis of available hydrochemical data that was outlined in your previous communication no. 103. This work shall be closely coordinated with Neil Coleman of our staff. Our staff is looking forward to the future results of this investigation of regional hydrochemistry within and in the vicinity of the Hanford Reservation. The initial results of this study should be submitted in the form of a draft letter report as soon as they become available. I wish to emphasize that this work shall not take precedence over preparation of the series of draft topical reports on uncertainty.

In addition, please find enclosed a copy of a report recently received from the DOE, entitled "Groundwater Drawdown as a Factor in Long-Term Repository Performance Assessment." This document is relevant to the upcoming meeting on BWIP hydrologic testing that is currently scheduled for the week of April 6th. Please review this document and provide any comments you may have within 12 working days following your receipt of this letter.

The action taken by this letter is considered to be within the scope of the current contract NRC-02-85-008. No changes to cost or delivery of contracted services and products are authorized. Please notify me immediately if you believe that this letter would result in changes to cost or delivery of contracted products.

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