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Mr. Johnson Meninick, Chairman
Yakima Tribal Council
P.O. Box 151
Toppenish, WA 98948

Dear Mr. Meninick,

We understand from a recent conversation with Mrs. Erline Reber, a staff member for Mr. Russell Jim, that you have not yet received our letter advising that the Department of Energy (DOE) has submitted for our review a Site Characterization Report for a candidate site for a high-level radioactive waste repository on the Hanford Reservation. This letter was to let you know that we believe the Yakima Tribe is entitled to consult with us during our reviews. Our rules require us to send such letters to the chief executive of the governmental body concerned, and on instructions from Mrs. Reber as to the appropriate address, we mailed the letter, a copy of the Report, and additional documents to you on November 16, in care of Mr. Jim. Mrs. Reber told us last week that she still had not yet seen our materials, so we are sending you another set directly by registered mail. We have not included another copy of the Site Characterization Report, however, because we understand from Mrs. Reber that she has received one independently from DOE. We are sorry for any inconvenience you and the Tribe may have incurred.

As promised in the enclosed letter of notification, we sent you on November 23 by the same address a copy of our notice of receipt of the

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Site Characterization Report as this notice appeared in the Federal Register. On the possibility that you and Mr. Jim have not received this either, we have enclosed it too.

Joseph O. Bunting, Chief
Licensing Process and
Integration Branch
Division of Waste Management

Enclosures:

1. Letter of Notification
2. Notice of Receipt of Site Characterization Report, as submitted to Federal Register
3. 10 CFR 60 High-Level Waste Geologic Disposal Licensing Procedures
4. Notice of SCR receipt as published in the Federal Register

cc: Mr. Russell Jim
Mrs. Erline Reber

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