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Mr. O. L. Olson, Project Manager BWI Project Office Richland Operations Office U. S. Department of Energy P. O. Box 550 Richland, WA 99352

Dear Mr. Olson

Attached is a copy of a letter (Enclosure 1) which the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) received from Mr. Russell Jim of the Yakima Indian Nation. In his letter, Mr. Jim requested information on the site characterization activities at the Hanford Reservation.

On January 10, 1983, the NRC provided a response to Mr. Jim's request. Enclosure 2 is a copy of our response.

We are forwarding this correspondence to you so that you can provide Mr. Jim with any additional information that you might have on this matter that you believe is appropriate.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Wright Senior Technical Advisor High-Level Waste Technical Development Branch Division of Waste Management

Enclosures: As stated

Russell Jim cc:

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