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Re: Joint Sampling of Columbia Sediments and River Water

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Dear Mr. Ward, Ms. McBaugh and Ms. Hedges:

The Oregon Hanford Cleanup Board commends the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the Washington Departments of Health and Ecology for their cooperation with the State of Oregon in sampling Columbia River sediments and water. This two year program is instrumental for providing downstream residents a timely snapshot of contaminant transport and potential impacts.

Armand Minthorn

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the Umatilla Indian
Reservation*

As reported to us at our January 2004 meeting, the preliminary results indicate no abnormal levels of natural or man-made radioisotopes. We look forward to reviewing the published interim joint report by DOE, the states of Washington and Oregon, and Pacific Northwest National Laboratory that will include the results of all analyses completed. The preliminary findings verify past Oregon Department of Health studies and provide confidence that ongoing actions at Hanford are not exacerbating impacts on the river.

Sen. Joan Dukes

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Following review of the joint report, we will provide any comments or questions prior to the scheduled sampling in later summer of 2004.

Rep. Linda Flores

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Sincerely,

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