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Dear Al:

Ref: Review of Document RHO-RE-SR-84-24 P, Results of The Separations Area Ground-Water Monitoring Network for 1983

We had an opportunity for only a brief survey of the referenced document because of the need to complete the review today. Enclosed, is a "marked-up" copy of the document draft that contains our comments.

In general, the report should be reviewed and edited by a technical editor. Our review did not provide this function, except where obvious typographic errors or other similar defects were found in the course of technical review.

We feel that the document would benefit from additional explanation of why changes have occurred in contaminant concentrations in the ground water between 1982 and 1983 and discussion of the significance of the changes. As it stands, the report is mostly a compendium of data gathered, with a minimum of interpretation and evaluation.

PNL Document No. 5041, Ground-Water Surveillance at the Hanford Site for CY 1983, and the referenced document overlap in some areas. We feel that it is important to have the authors of both documents coordinate data evaluation prior to issuance of the documents. This would preclude variances in interpretation that would be confusing to our sponsor (DOE-RL) and other readers. Then, at least, if there are recognized and unresolvable differences, they can be explained and rationalized in the text of each document.

Please call me if you have any questions on our review or if we can be of additional assistance.

Sincerely,

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