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Department of Energy
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February 29, 1984

Director
Pacific Northwest Laboratory
Richland, Washington

Dear Sir:

CONTINUING INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF THE HANFORD ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM

This office has been considering the desirability of establishing a mechanism to provide a continuing independent review of the Hanford Environmental Surveillance Program. Reviews of this nature have been conducted in the past and provide a measure of assurance to us and the public that the Hanford Program continues to satisfy the technical requirements and guidelines established by DOE.

In our view, there are several alternatives available to satisfy this objective ranging from utilization of State of Washington capability to establishing a long-term arrangement with University staff. To provide the most beneficial program, you are requested to evaluate and propose several alternatives addressing the pros and cons and various costs. We would expect to initiate such a program in FY 1985, thus it should be considered in your FY 1985 budget preparation.

If you have any questions on this matter, please contact Dr. D. R. Elle on 376-2603.

Very truly yours,

Ronald E. Gerton, Director
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