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Dear Dr. Lohofener:

**TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR HANFORD NATURAL RESOURCE TRUSTEE COUNCIL
(COUNCIL) ACTIVITIES**

I want to thank you and your organization for the leadership role you have taken in starting the Hanford Injury Assessment Plan process. Dr. Jim Hansen's support is instrumental in advancing the effort consistent with Department of Interior processes.

Trustees view your organization as a neutral and objective participant. They look to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USF&W) for its natural resources expertise and guidance. Because of this level of trust and respect, the USF&W is uniquely positioned to facilitate the Injury Assessment planning process at Hanford. Your continued support is essential to our success.

I understand Jim's available time is limited and would like to explore the possibility of funding additional expertise for technical assistance to DOE from your organization. I see a need for three or more years of support, and subject to appropriation availability, I am committed to funding this position for that period, including relocation costs if required.

The person in this position would also engage in the technical aspects of cleanup, as we have many activities where this expertise would be valuable. The position could speak to the rigor and requirements that must be met in doing injury assessment studies, ecological risk assessments, and cleanup and could be a liaison in any future land transfer discussions. I hope a position of this scope would be attractive to one of your senior technical people.

I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss this proposal with you directly and, if acceptable to you, I will ask my staff to work with Jim and others on your staff to define the specific job scope and possible personnel funding mechanisms.

If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Al Hawkins, of my staff, on (509) 376-9936.

Sincerely,

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Manager

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