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Mr. Dan Fiorino, Director
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Washington, DC 20460

Dear Mr. Fiorino:

SUPPORT FOR THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE TRACK (PERFORMANCE TRACK) MEMBERSHIP REAPPLICATION FOR THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST NATIONAL LABORATORY

The U.S. Department of Energy, Pacific Northwest Site Office (PNSO) has responsibility for the management and operations contract with Battelle Memorial Institute for the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL). By means of this letter, PNSO is expressing its support of the Performance Track membership reapplication being submitted by PNNL on April 1, 2007.

Through the Federal procurement mechanism, including the Federal Acquisition Regulations and the PNNL operation contract, PNSO has established performance-based goals and objectives for PNNL operation. The contract requires PNNL to identify, evaluate, and institute practices that will improve environmental performance. The robust environmental management system currently in place and the environmental commitments proposed in the reapplication are evidence of these efforts. Membership in Performance Track supports continued efforts in this area, along with maintaining a positive, supportive relationship founded on openness and trust with the community and region in which PNNL is located.

If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Theresa Aldridge, Operations Division, at (509) 372-4508.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julie K. Erickson".

Julie K. Erickson
Acting Manager

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cc: J. Adair, WA ECO
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