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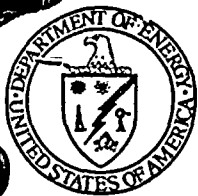
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Dear Mr. Boynton:

**DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) FOR THE WASHINGTON PUBLIC
POWER SUPPLY SYSTEM (SUPPLY SYSTEM) SUBLEASE FOR THE ALUMINUM
SMELTER PLANT, HANFORD SITE, RICHLAND, WASHINGTON**

In conformance with the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Implementing Procedures (10 CFR 1021), enclosed is the subject draft EA for your review prior to finalization. Please provide your written comments to me within 30 days of receipt of the document.

The purpose and need of this EA is that DOE, Richland Operations Office needs to consider a request from the Supply System for approval of a sublease from the Supply System, or transfer of fee simple title from DOE for construction and operation of an aluminum smelter plant.

If you have any questions about this proposed action, please contact Shannon Ortiz, Site Infrastructure Division, on (509) 373-0908. Questions about the NEPA process may be directed to me on (509) 376-6667.

Sincerely,

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