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Mr. David A. Brockman, Manager
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Re: *Hanford Facility Dangerous Waste Closure/PostClosure Plan for the 600 Area
Purgewater Storage and Treatment Facility Unit #1, DOE/RL-2008-73, Revision 0*

Dear Mr. Brockman:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) received the final draft of the *Dangerous Waste Closure/Postclosure Plan for the 600 Area Purgewater Storage and Treatment Facility (PSTF) Unit #1* closure plan on February 17, 2010. We reviewed the final draft closure plan for completeness and technical adequacy. Ecology determined that the final draft closure plan is complete and provides us with a defensible basis for making a tentative permit decision. Ecology intends to include the final draft closure plan in the new draft Hanford Dangerous Waste Permit and accept comments on the final draft closure plan as part of that Permit's public comment process.

Ecology understands that the United States Department of Energy (USDOE) expects PSTF Unit #1 to receive its last shipment of waste prior to the completion of the public involvement process. Ecology received information from USDOE during the closure plan workshops that demonstrated the need for extending the closure time frames of Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-303-610(4)(a) and (b) in accordance with WAC 173-303-610(4)(c). The final draft closure plan contains the extended schedule.

Ecology continues to work on the new Permit for the *Hanford Facility Dangerous Waste Permit, Revision 9*, and will contact you when the Permit is complete. If you or your staff has any questions regarding this letter, please contact Kathy Conaway at 509-372-7890.

Sincerely,

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