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Re: Letter 10 AMCP-024, dated September 13, 2010, "Development of the Revised National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Interim Action Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Closure of the Non-Radioactive Dangerous Waste Landfill (NRDWL) and the Solid Waste Landfill (SWL), Central Plateau, Hanford Site, Richland, Washington (DOE/EA-1707)"

Dear Mr. Holten:

I am responding to your letter inviting the Department of Ecology (Ecology) to participate in developing a revised Draft EA for closure of NRDWL and SWL.

Ecology is willing to work with the United States Department of Energy (USDOE) as a cooperating agency to develop a revised EA that will meet Ecology's expectation for a State Environmental Policy Act determination for the closure of NRDWL and SWL.

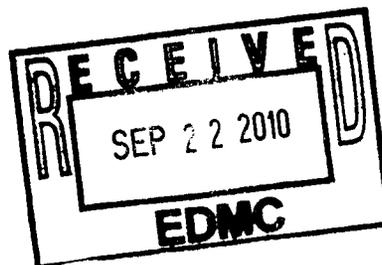
We want to continue working with USDOE to develop and approve remedial actions to close these sites, which have impacted the vadose zone and groundwater from the contaminant releases that started in 1987. Further delay in closure of the sites may result in additional, costly corrective action due to additional releases that might occur. Further impact to the environment could be avoided by timely closure activities.

Ecology's point of contact is Deborah Singleton, Project Manager for NRDWL and SWL. She can be contacted at 372-7923 or [deborah.singleton@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:deborah.singleton@ecy.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

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