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Mr. Matthew S. McCormick, Manager
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Re: Ecology to Exercise Discretion Regarding the Class 3 Modification to the Hanford Facility Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Permit, Liquid Effluent Retention Facility (LERF) and 200 Area Effluent Treatment Facility (ETF)

Dear Mr. McCormick:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) received the Hanford Facility RCRA Permit Class 3 Modification Package for LERF and the 200 Area ETF. The United States Department of Energy - Richland Operations Office (USDOE-RL) submitted this package on October 29, 2010. The modification addresses some unit-specific permit conditions, the Waste Analysis Plan, Process Information, and the LERF Groundwater Monitoring Plan.

As stated in your cover letter for the modification package, we achieved a tentative agreement on the package through workshops with regulators and contractors. Therefore, Ecology will not take any action on the package and would ask that USDOE-RL not pursue permittee-initiated modification. This will allow both parties to focus their efforts on renewal (Revision 9) of the existing permit. Revision 9 of the permit will incorporate the changes requested in the modification package.

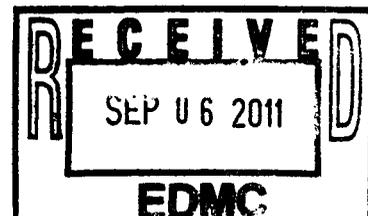
Since tentative agreement on the changes has been reached, Ecology will exercise its enforcement discretion associated with the LERF and 200 Area ETF Class 3 modification package during the interim period prior to incorporation of those changes in Revision 9 of the permit.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Rick Bond at 372-7885.

Sincerely,

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