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Mr. Scott Downey, Manager  
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United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10  
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Seattle, Washington 98101-3140

Re: Department of Ecology (Ecology) Compliance Evaluation Inspection of the T-Plant Complex  
Referral to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 10

Dear Mr. Downey:

On September 22, 2010, Ecology performed a compliance evaluation inspection of the T-Plant Complex. Ecology is referring the inspection to EPA. We will close out our inspection based on the referral, and we will not issue an inspection report. We will also update this information in the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Info Database.

Ecology's reasons for referring our inspection to EPA are the following:

- On March 14, 2011, the EPA National Environmental Investigation Center (NEIC) conducted a compliance evaluation inspection of the Hanford Solid Waste Operations Complex and the T-Plant Complex. The NEIC inspection was after Ecology's inspection and is more indicative of current circumstances.
- The NEIC inspection is more comprehensive than Ecology's inspection.
- The scope of the NEIC and Ecology inspections overlapped, and allowing the United States Department of Energy to respond to one inspection report is more cost-effective than responding to EPA and Ecology.

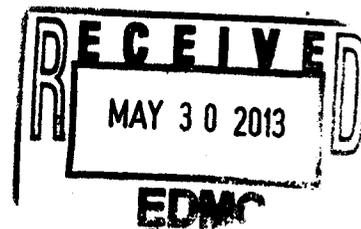
If there are any questions, please contact Kathy Conaway, Compliance Program Lead, at [kathy.conaway@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:kathy.conaway@ecy.wa.gov) or (509) 372-7890.

Sincerely,

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